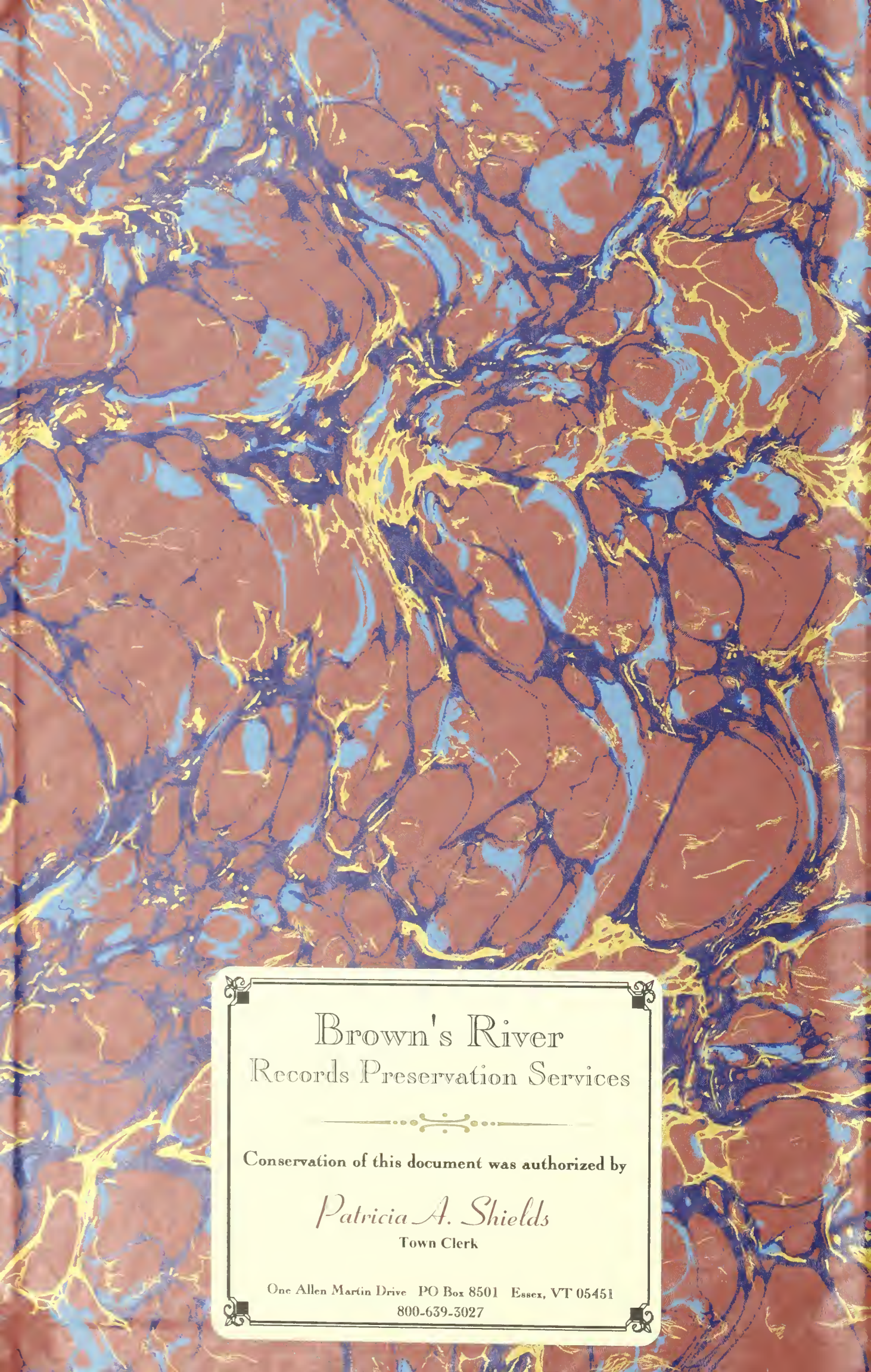

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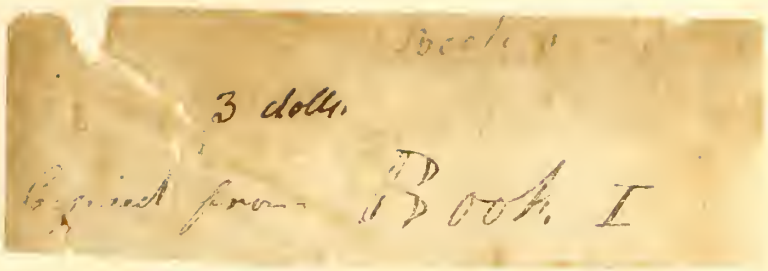

Records of Boxford.

MR. REINHART—Having had occasion to consult the Records of the Town of Boxford, I have taken the liberty to transmit a few articles for your paper. The old records which were much torn and obliterated, have lately been copied into a large strong folio book for preservation. The new record of the transactions of the Town is written in a most neat and legible style, and reflects great honor upon Mr. Dormon, the former Town Clerk who executed it. The records of the births and marriages have been assorted with great labor by Mr. John Bacon, the present Town Clerk, and systematised into family registers, so that a person may have a distinct view of his family so far as their names are inserted in the Town Books.

Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon Mr. Bacon for his industry and accuracy. It would be well in other Towns to imitate Boxford in this, and in other commendable examples. R.

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BOXFORD TOWN RECORDS

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CONTAINS A GENEOLOGICAL (FAMILY) ARRANGEMENT OF BIRTHS

Received of the Constable of Bofford. Robert Stiles the sum of twenty shillings in silver, which money was due upon an agreement from the town of Bofford to the town of Rowley. for the year 1685. as doth appear by an agreement made by both towns bearing date the seventh of July 1685.

I say received by me Daniel Wicom senior

Daniel Wicom.

This first day of June in the year 1686.

Witness John Peabody.

John Pearsons.

Know all men by these Presents That
I Mary P. Chadwick of Boxford in the county
of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Singlewoman - Administratrix of the goods and estate
that were of Mary Porter late of said Boxford Single-
-woman deceased intestate - By an Order of the coun-
-rt of Probate which was begun and holden at Ips-
-wich in said County on the seventeenth day of
November A.D. one thousand eight hundred and tw-
-nty-six was licensed by said court to sell and conv-
so much of the real estate of said deceased as shou-
amount to the sum of four hundred and forty
dollars for the payment of the just debts and inci-
-tal charges of said deceased - and whereas I the sa-
Mary P. Chadwick haveing given publick notice of
intended sale by causing a notification of such
to be published three weeks successively before
time thereof in the Gazette and Patriot print-
in Haverhill agreeably to my directions by sa-
license - and first haveing given bonds and take-
the oath by law in such cases required, did on t-
fourth day of April pursuant to the license and
notice aforesaid sell at public vendue a pew
in the meeting-house in the second Parish in
Boxford No 40 being a part of the estate of s-
deceased to Samuel W. Clement for the sum
thirty-five dollars and seventy five cents he b-
the highest bidder for said Pew - Therefore know
that I the said Mary P. Chadwick adminis-
-trix as aforesaid by virtue of the power and
authority in me vested as aforesaid and
consideration of the aforesaid sum of thirty
dollars and seventy five cents to me paid
the said Samuel W. Clement the receipt
whereof I do hereby acknowledge do hereby
give, grant sell and convey unto him the
said

Samuel his heirs and assigns the said Pew No 40
as herein above mentioned and described
To have and to hold the afore granted premises
with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same
belonging to him the said Samuel H. Clement and
to his heirs and assigns forever And I the said
Mary P. Chadwick in my capacity as aforesaid do
hereby covenant with the said Samuel with his
heirs and assigns that I was lawfully authorized
to sell and convey the same as aforesaid, that
I gave publick notice of the intended sale, that I
gave bonds and took the oath by law required
previous to said sale, that it was necessary it
should be sold for the purposes aforesaid and
that the premises were struck off to the said
Samuel for the sum aforesaid and that he
offered most for said Pew — In witness whereof
I the said Mary P. Chadwick Administratrix
as aforesaid have hereunto set my hand and
seal this fifth day of April in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty
seven.

Signed sealed and delivered Mary P. Chadwick (LS)
in presence of us
Jon.a Foster
Henry B. Chadwick

Essex ss. July 16th 1827.

Mary P. Chadwick above named acknowledged
the foregoing instrument by her signed to be her
free act and deed, Before me

Jon.a Foster Just. of Peace

The above Deed was entered with me March 14, A.
1828.

George Steard Town Clerk

it is also further agreed, that when the highway is to be laid through any mans land, that always such men or man shall have as much power in ordering where the way shall go as any one of the Committee, till it be gone through his land. The way from Andover to Topsfield is to be an open way all along through the town; not to be incumbered with gates or bars.

23d of November '86. The Committee above chosen to lay out highways, have, in order to their work, laid out a highway from Maple meadow by John Peabody's house, and so along to Topsfield common land in Bare hill plain, doing as little damage as may be - and it doth lay along in the old path to John Andrews' slough, and so as near the hilly ground on the left hand as can conveniently be laid to the next slough, and then still by the hills to Thomas Andrews' Barn and so to crane brook along the old pathway to Topsfield land - this way is to be the open highway as is above mentioned.

The Committee abovesaid laid out a way from good-man Buswell's Barn, through goodman Redington pasture to John Stiles' Barn yard, and so along to the Works on the south side of the plain - and so along to Zacheus Curtice's Barn; also the Committee did likewise agree to lay out a way through Abel Langly's farm by the works to the main road way as above as little to the damage of the farm as may be yeilding to

their convenieney as much as may be. Abel Langly did solely consent that their should be a highway through his farme as is above expressed.

As Attest John Peabody one of the Committe and Clerk that was ordered to record what was done herin. John Peabody Town Clerk.

We, whose names are under written, being chosen by the town of Rowley on the one part, and by the Village of Rowley on the other part, to agree about a parting line betwixt the Town of Rowley and the Village- being met together the seventh of July 1685- do agree as followeth- that the middle bound shall be where the foot path crosseth out of the cart path nat far off the Bridge going over the great Meadow- and from the said Meadow bounds to a forked white oak near the meadow formerly laid out to Elder Rainer, being a bound of that part of the said Meadow that fell to Captain Whipple on a division- and is also the corner bound of a parcel of land laid out to Ezekiel Northen, being by estimation about forty acres- and so going on the same course straight to Ipswich line; and from the above-said tree on a straight line to the southwest corner of the three thousand acres, which is a white oaktree marked R. and I. and so from the said tree northward

an a line betwixt the three thousand acres, and land laid out to Mistress Rogers and John Pickard till you come to a white oak marked with S. R. E. being the corner bound of John Pickard's land standing in the line betwixt Woodford and the Village – we further agree that the inhabitants of the Village shall be free from all Rates for time to come to the Town of Rowley, excepting twenty shillings in silver, to be paid by Joseph Hinsby senior, John Peabody, William Foster, Samuel Symonds and Moses Siler yearly to any of the Committee, while they have no Orthodox Minister settled in the Village: and further, it is agreed, that all the common land lying within the Village undivided, shall remain to belong to the Town of Rowley, excepting the Farm common called the Ministers farm within the Village and anything that is due to the Country for land lying in the Village is to be paid by the inhabitants of the Village. In confirmation of what is above written both parties have set to their hands the day and year above specified.

Ezekiel Jewett,
John Hopkins,
John Leighton,
Robert Barnes.

Joseph Hinsby.
John Jewett,
John Peabody,
Samuel Watts Jun.
Samuel Symonds,
Ezekiel Northen,
William Foster,
Daniel Wicom,
Moses Siler,
John Trumbull,
Stephen Wighill.

This is a true copy taken out of the instrument of agreement between Rowley and the Village, in the day that Rowley set the Village their bounds according as the General Court did order.

As Attest. John Peabody Town Clerk [illegible]

At a legal Town Meeting held in Boxford the day of March 1807.

Sargeant Bixby is chosen Moderator for the present meeting

1st. The town chose five Selectmen for the year ensuing, and the names be as followeth - John Peabody senior William Watson, Daniel Wood, John Andrews and Abraham Redington Junr.

2nd. The town chose William Peabody Constable for the year ensuing.

3d.— Thomas Redington, Thomas Hazen and Joseph Andrews be chosen Surveyors for the year.

4th. The town made an order that all swine within the town, above three months old, shall be ringed from the middle of March to the first of November yearly upon the penalty of six pence a week for every swine that shall be found upon the common without a ring in his nose - and half the money so forfeited shall be to the finder, and the other half shall be for the use of the town.

5th. The town made an order, that all horns within the towne shall be kept safe, or sufficiently yoked from the first of August, to the first of November in summer upon the penalty of six pence a time that any oxen shall be found doing damage, to be paid to the owner of the sheep where he doth the damage -

2nd of July 07. the Selectmen of the town of Boxford have let the Parsonage meadow to Thomas Hazen and Daniel Wood this present year for six shillings, to be paid in corn to the

At a legal Town Meeting held in Boxford the 19th of August 1807.

First. The town chose Sergeant Bixby Moderator for the present meeting. -

2nd — John Peabody Commissioner to join with the Select-men in assessing the town according to the Honored Treasurers Warrant

3d — William Foster is chosen to keep an Ordinary for the town also, John Peabody is chosen to go to Rowley to search the Town Book about the line of Topsfield.

At a legal Town Meeting held in Boxford the 5th day of September 1807. -

First. The town chose Abraham Redington senior Moder-ator for the meeting.

2nd The town chose three men to be a Committee for the town to help the Selectmen in making the rate as soon as they can get light to act by, and also, to ans-wer the towns neglecting to meet and doing their duty according to the Honored Treasurers Warrant, and to give the reason of their so doing - thinking it better to do nothing at present, than to go by guess without any thing to rate by; also, that William Foster's house shall be the place of meeting till the town choose ano-ther place

The 12th of June inst. the Selectmen of Boxford met to hear of the poor, and did order Daniel Estock jun. to help his father as much as he had need of in haying time and to give account of it to the Selectmen.

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The 6th of January 1695. The Selectmen had a meeting and made a rate of about eight pounds to be paid in English for to purchase ammunition for a town stock, and have ordered Moses Tyler, Thomas Perley, Thomas Andrews and John to gather the above said rate, and to lay it out for both powder and bullets and to stand according to Law.

At a legal Town Meeting held in Boxford the 5th day of March 1695.

The town chose Corporal Joseph Kimsby Moderator for the day.

The town chose John Peabody Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

William Watson is chosen Constable for this year '95.

Voted, that the Selectmen be as followeth, John Peabody, John Andrews, Samuel Symonds senior, Joseph Hale and Moses Tyler.

Voted Joseph Peabody senior grand Juror, and Luchens Curtice Juror of Trials.

Samuel Symonds 3d and Jacob Perley Surveyors of Highways.

Sergeant Hazen and Timothy Dorman be chosen Tythingmen for '95.

John Buswell and Richard Kimball be chosen Fenceviewers.

Thomas Andrews is chosen sealer of Weights and Measures.

It was voted that William Foster senior shall have ten shillings paid him for the use of his house on Public days, this last year there being an invitation from the Council for volunteers to persue the Indian Enemy. And for incouragement, the town have voted that all such men of our town that will go out upon this service, shall have allowed them six shillings a week all the time they shall be traveling after the enemy till they return to some english habitation which is ment, six shillings each by the week, beside the Country wages, this money to be paid six weeks after their return, if the town have occasion to make any other — also George Bixby is to have the parsonage meadow this year. —

The town chose four men to settle the Parsonage farm with bounds of it, with all other land adjoining upon this Ministers farm — and the men chosen for this service be Ensign Perley, Sargeant Hazen, John Andrews and Timothy Dorman,

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At a lawful Town Meeting held in Boxford the 21st of May 1688.

The town chose John Peabody Moderator for that Meeting by a vote.

2.ly The town chose six men for Selectmen for the year ensuing by a vote — and their names be as

as followeth, John Chadwick, Thomas Andrews, Daniel Wood, Thomas Hazen, Abraham Redington Jr. and John Peabody senior.

3d. John Perley for a Commissioner for the year ensuing, by a vote.

4th. Thomas Perley is chosen Constable for the year ensuing by a vote.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen of Boxford the 16th of February 1809 they proportioned the Minister Rate, and also, made a town Rate to be paid in money to discharge the town debt for for that year.

At a lawful town Meeting held in Boxford the 24th of June 1809.

The town chose John Perley senior to be the Constable for the year ensuing by a vote; also, the choice of the Selectmen be as followeth, Corporal Joseph Bixby, Corporal Thomas Hazen, William Foster senior, Joseph Andrews and William Peabody; also, Nathaniel Brown, Joseph Peabody, John Buswell and Robert Eames senior for Surveyors for the year ensuing.

At a lawful town Meeting held in Boxford the 24th of June 1689.

The towne chose John Perley senior and ~~Samuel~~ Symonds senior to be their Representatives for the following ~~part~~ of this summer, or till another be chose, only they are not to serve but one at a time, and not consent to set up any government contrary to charter privileges else, they be to search every record of Ipswich grant, and of Rowley's town bounds where they be stated by the Court grant

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At a Town Meeting held in Boxford May 6th, 1689.

The towne chose John Peabody senior to be a Representative for the Town, and to carry their minds to the Council of safety, relating to the settlement of government — and the towns minds be signified in the following lines, Viz. We the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Town of Boxford, being very sensible of, and thankful to God for his great mercies to us in, delivering us from the tyranny and oppression of those ill men under whose injustice and cruelty we have so long groaned, without, rendering our heartly thanks to those so worthy and Honorable Gentlemen, who have been engaged in so good and necessary a work as the conservation of us:

our peace since that revolution; yet being also
apprehensive of the many inconveniencies and
hazards of the present unsettlement of our affairs.
do declare, that we do expect that our Governor, of
deputy Governor and assistants elected and sworne
by the freemen of the Colony in May 1686. together
with the Deputys then sent down by the respective
towns to the Court then holden, and which was
never legally dissolved, shall come and resume and
exercise the government as a General Court accord-
ing to our charter on the ninth day of May next ensu-
ing, and in so doing we do hereby promise and engage
to aid and assist them to the utmost of our power, with
our persons and estates, praying God to guide them
in the management of our orders and affairs. And
we do hope that all those that are true friends to
the peace and prosperity of this land will readily
and heartily join with us herein. Voted by the Town.

At a lawfull town Meeting, held in Boxford
June 3, 1689.

In answer to an Order sent from the Honored
President and Council of Fifty, of the people and
conservation of the peace — the Town of Boxford
have chosen John Peabody senior and Thomas
Perley senior to be their Representatives till the
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Government shall be settled, only they be to serve but one at a time— and not to consent to set up any Government contrary to our Charter priviledges, and also, to concur with the other Representatives of this colony, which are to meet at Boston on the fifth day of this instant June.

An Attest. —John Peabody Clerk.

At a town Meeting held in Boxford the 3d of June 1689.

It was voted, that the Selectmen of Boxford should let the Parsonage meadow this present year, and accordingly the Selectmen have done for seven shillings this year 1689.

At a lawful town Meeting held in Boxford the 12th of December 1689.

The town chose Ensign John Peabody and Quarter-master Thomas Perley and Corporal Thomas Andrews to go to Rowley some time this winter and to enquire of the town of Rowley if there be any agreement between Rowley and Topsfield or Ipswich, concerning their line between Rowley and Topsfield, from Quartermaster Perley's to Ipswich River: also, John Peabody senior and Ensign John Perley, Corporal Thomas Andrews, Robert Kimball senior, Corporal Joseph Bixby and Joseph Andrews be chosen to settle the line between Topsfield and Boxford through

April.

April, and make return to the town, also,

At a lawful town Meeting held in Boxford the 12th of December 09. The town voted, that those men in Boxford that do hear the word dispensed at Topsfield, shall pay this year fifteen pounds five of silver- and the rest of the Town that go to Andover and Bradford to hear- shall pay proportionably where they do hear. Voted by the town.

At a lawful town Meeting held in Boxford the 11th of March 09/10

Ephraim Curtice is chose to be their Constable for the year ensuing. Their Selectmen and their names be as followeth, John Peabody, Nathaniel Brown, Joseph Peabody senior, Thomas Perkington, Thomas Perley; and Moses Tyler is chosen to serve on the Jury of trials- and John Andrews to be their Grand Juror for the year ensuing.

The names of the surveyors be as followeth, John Chadwick, Ephraim Smith, William Peabody and George Kimby and John Stiles, be chosen for surveyors for the year ensuing- it is also, voted that the Selectmen shall let the Parsonage farm for this year ensuing- voted also, John Peabody senior and Thomas Perley senior be chosen for Deputies to serve at the General Court this next year ensuing, or till some other be chosen, and

they.

they be to serve but one at a time; and also, to give an account to the Committee, what necessity there is of their going from time to time; and also, to have their advise whether to go or not, and when they shall go.— The Committee above said be, Abraham Hedington senior and Joseph Bixby senior togeth-er with the Selectmen which the Town chose for a Committee for that end; also, the Town have agr-reed and voted to give nine shillings a week to the Soldiers in country pay, that were sent to the eastward under Sir Edmund Andrews for all the time they were gone from their several homes, provided that they will give, under their hands in writing, to return to the town of Boxford, as much pay as they shall receive, if the Country do at any time after they receive our pay, give them pay for their service under Sir Edmund Andrews, and in so doing the Town doth order the Selectmen to assess the Town according to the best of their sight, if no body bring in Bills, they be to go by the old rates made this year— it is to be understood, that they be to keep as much of our mon-ey, with what they shall receive of the Country, as shall fully pay them for their time as others.

16.

The Soldiers above said be, Ephraim Smith, 17 weeks; John Tiler 20 weeks; Jonathan Foster 4 weeks - and in witness to the above said, we have set too our hands, this 13th of April 1690.

Ephraim Smith,
Moses Tiler senior,
Jonathan Foster.

At a lawful town Meeting, held in Boxford the 16th of March 1690

The town chose Corporal Joseph Burby Constable for the year ensuing. 2nd chose John Perley, Quartermaster Tiler, Corporal Thomas Andrews, Samuel Symonds and Corporal Kimball Selectmen for the year ensuing.

Voted 3d William Watson, Robert Eames Junior, Jonathan Burby and John Andrews, Surveyors for the year ensuing. 4th The town voted to send some men to the Court at Boston, namely John Peabody and John Chadwick, to petition the General Court for an abatement upon the dooming the town in the town rates, and two and a half in money they finding themselves over doomed.

5th and for all the damage that shall come upon the Selectmen for not laying the mistaken money the town have voted to bear it by a town rate.

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6th. That every Soldier in the Town shall get himself two pounds of powder a piece, and bullets and flints proportionable- voted by the town.

7th. That Corporal Thomas Andrews is chosen Clerk of the Market, to see that all Measures be kept in good order according to the standard.

8th. That George Black and Widow Andrews and Esther Carey, shall not be rated by any Selectmen till the town give orders, that is to say, not in our town, voted.

The Selectmen of Boxford made the twenty rates in the year '90. and made them £4.16.0 more than the Warrant did require, and they have ordered Ephraim Curtice Constable to pay to Rowley, twenty shillings in money, and John Peabody senior and Thomas Perley senior be to have the other three pounds, and to lay it out in powder and shot for the use of the town as soon as conveniently they can- and to give an account to the town of their doings herein.

15th December 91. At a lawful town Meeting then held in Boxford- the town chose Samuel Symonds Moderator.

2d The town chose Ensign John Perley, Corporal Thomas Andrews Collectors for this year '91. to gather the Ministers rates and to gather in the arrears for that which is behind of all the Ministers formerly to this year.-

3d The town voted to pay to the Minister of Topsfield

this

this year Sixteen pounds one third of it in silver money

4th That the last ~~last~~ Tuesday in February next ensuing is appointed a day for to choose a Committee for to state a place for to set a Meetinghouse in, and other necessary accesions, if the town approve of them.

5th The town chose some men to joyn with the Committe of military to advise with them concerning men who shall go out to war from time to time, and to engage with them in that affair - and their names be John Andrews, Daniel Wood Sergeants - Sargeant Chadwick, Corporal Thomas Andrews, Corporal Joseph Peabody, William Foster senior, Samuel Symonds.

23d of February 1712. The town being met together according to appointment, voted to choose a Committee the eighth of March ensuing to find out a fit place to set a Meetinghouse

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At a lawful town meeting held in Boxford the 8th of March 1712. The town chose John Peabody senior Moderator for that day.

2nd The town chose Joseph Andrews Constable for the year ensuing.

3d The town chose their Selectmen as follows, Samuel Symonds Senior, Thomas Hazen, Joseph Peabody Senior, John Andrews, Robert Cumes Senior.

4th Corporal Thomas Andrews Grand Juror, Lieut. Thomas Perley Juror of Tryals for the next Court at Ipswich

5th Samuel Smith, Daniel Wood, Sargeant Chadwick, Corporal Kimball Surveyors for the year ensuing

6th The town chose several ameto measure from end

to end and from side to side of our town to find out the centre, and if that be not fitest place for to set a Meeting house in, then the Committee that we chose are to consider of another place or places, which they shall think most fit, and so make their report of what they shall do herein to the town of Boxford; and the names of the men chosen for the service abovesaid be Lieutenant John Gould, Lieut. Thomas Baker, Sergeant John Hovey, Henry Wilkins, Ensign John Perley, Lieut. Thomas Perley, Quartermaster Moses Tyler, Samuel Symonds Senior, Robert Eames Senior, John Peabody Senior and Zaccheus Curtice — this Committee be to meet on the first Tuesday of June next ensuing for to do this service above mentioned.

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At a lawful town Meeting held in Boxford the 31st of May '92.

The town chose John Peabody senior and Thomas Perley senior Representatives for the General Court or assembly, ordered to be held the 8th of June in the abovesaid year '92. by the Governor and Council. —

The Committee appointed by the town to find out a place to set the Meeting house, did meet on the 7th of June '92. according to the towns order, and they have measured the town from end to end, and from side to side, and from the furthest houses by Wills hill to George Bixby's field — is 7 miles; and from the furthermost corner of our land near Merrimack River to George Bixby's field is 8 miles; and from the 8 mile Tree to george's field is two miles and a quarter; and

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from Rowley line to the abovesaid Field is about two miles and a half the nearest way as some think

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9th of July 1692. the town had a Meeting according to warrant, and the town chose Ensign John Perley Commissioner to join with the Selectmen to take a town valuation of the town according to law Lieutenant Perley and John Peabody senior, have paid to Rowley, the three pounds of pory which was delivered to them for the use of the town: Rowley had it to satisfy for two years salary due to them by an agreement of the Village with them before they would part with us.—

At a lawfull town meting held in Boxford the 16th of March 1692/3.

The town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley to be the Moderator for that day; also, Abraham Redington Constable for the year ensuing; also, chose five Selectmen, and their names be as followeth, John Peabody senior, Sergeant John Chadwick, Jonathan Curtice, Daniel Bird senior, Joseph Kirby; also, Lieut Thomas Perley Commissioner for the year ensuing; also, the town chose Ensign John Perley to serve as a Juror of Trials the next Court at Ipswich, and Thomas Redington Grand Juror for the year ensuing; also, Quartermaster Tyler, Samuel Symonds be chosen Haythingmen; also, John Eames surveyor, and John Peabody Junior and Timothy Dorman; also, Joseph Peabody senior and Moses Tyler fence viewers, and to see that Swine be ringed according to law;

also

also, Corporal Thomas Andrews Clerk of the marke
also, John Peabody senior Clerk of the town, to enter
votes of the town from time to time; also, voted by
the town that all our town charges shall be raised
as followeth, that is to say, one quarter part shall be laid
upon vacant land, and one quarter part on improved
land, and one halfe on heads and moveable estates, heads
being valued at twenty pounds a head in all such town
rates. The town chose seven men to be a Committee to
order the way of improving the Ministers farm, and to
order what a house shall be set upon it at the present, if
any, and what way to pay for the building of it and
the names of the aforesaid Committee be as followeth,
John Peabody, Ens.r John Perley, Samuel Symonds
senior, Lieut. Thomas Perley, Quartermaster Tyler,
Corporal Thomas Hazen, Ephraim Curtice; this work
is to be done within one year, if the Committee do agree
in making their report to the town.

At a town-meeting held in Boxford the 3d of July
'93.
The town chose John Peabody Senior to serve as a
Representative for the town this Session.

At a lawful town Meeting held in Boxford the 5th
of September '93.
Chose Daniel Wood Moderator, and Lieut. Perley,
Thomas Andrews, John Cornell, Daniel Black,
Thomas Redington, to see that Swine be ringed
according to law; also, Sargeant Chadwick Juror
for Newbury Court.

At a lawful Town meeting held in Boxford the 31st of October 93. The town chose Ensn. John Perley, to see what is rationally and honestly due from Robert Eames' estate, to his son Daniel's children, and to use all lawful means to obtain that which is due, and to give an account to the town, that so, it may be disposed of for the use of Daniel Eames' children. Also, the town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley to serve as a Representative for the town this next setting Novr. 93.

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June 1693. Daniel Eames left his Wife in a poor helpless condition, and when winter came on, she made her complaint to the Selectmen for help - the Selectmen of Boxford for the year, John Peabody, John Chadwick, Daniel Wood, Zaccheus Curtice and Joseph Bixby Jur. who being sensible that there was no estate to be found for the present, to relieve her and her children, did persuade John Peabody, one of the Selectmen, to receive her into his house, and to afford her such necessary relief as she stood in need of and her children till the Selectmen or town should take further care of disposing of her and her children. this 4th of November 93. thus far the Selectmen have done as their duty for the time being. —

As attest, John Peabody, Clerk of the Selectmen, and Town Clerk.

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At a lawful town meeting, holden in Boxford the 20th of December 1693.

The town chose Ensign Perley Moderator for the day, also, voted that vacant lands should not be rated this year

To

to any charges in Boxford.

2.nd That those that do hear the word of God dispensed at Topsfield, should this year pay to the Ministry there, the sum of eighteen pounds, one third of it in silver money and not to rate vacant lands so high as agreed upon.

At a lawful town-meting, held in Boxford the 13th of March 1693/4.

The town chose Corporal Thomas Andrews Moderater for the day. Voted also, John Peabody senior Town Clerk. Voted also, John Thimball Constable for the year ensuing. Also, the town chose five Selectmen for the year ensuing, and their names be as followeth, Leutenant Thomas Perley, Corporal Thomas Hazen, Quartermaster Tyler, William Foster senior, Ephraim Curtice. Voted also, John Peabody senior Commissioner for the year ensuing. Voted also, William Peabody and John Andrews Surveyors for the year ensuing; also, Thomas Redington and Joseph Hale be chosen Fenceviewers for the year ensuing. Voted Ephraim Smith and Moses Tyler Jun.r be chosen to look after horses the year ensuing. Voted John Stiles Grand Juror, and Joseph Peabody senior Juror meard for next Terme at Ipswich; also Ensigne John Perley and Abraham Redington Jun.r Surythingmen.

At a lawful town-meeting, holden in Boxford the 24th of April 94.

The town chose John Peabody senior Moderater for the day.

The town voted, that the town of Boxford should build a Meeting-house in convenient time, thirty four feet square and eighteen feet stud between Joints; also, to build and finish

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this house within the space of two years after the
date hereof. Dated the 24th of April '94. —

At a lawful town-meeting, holden in Boxford the
24th of May '94.
The town chose Ensign Perley, Moderator for the day.
and by reason of difference, they did no more that day.

At a lawful town-meeting, holden in Boxford the
26th of July '94.
The town chose three men for assessors for this year,
and their names be as followeth, John Peabody senior,
Daniel Wood senior and Joseph Andrews

Joseph Andrews, Constable of Boxford, brought a
receipt from Mr. Tyler Treasurer for the year '93.
of fifty pounds nineteen shillings, which is part of
the towns Assessment for the year '93.
Attest John Peabody Clerk.

Received of Mr. Joseph Kimby Constable of Boxford,
eight pounds seven shillings and two pence, by
distraint, the 1st of June 1694. being the full of the
twenty four thousand pound rate of said Town of
Boxford. I say received for Mr. James Tyler Treas-
urer. This is a true copy of a receipt which Constable
Joseph Kimby brought from the Treasurer, as
Attest. John Peabody Clerk.

At a lawful town-meeting, holden in Boxford the 4th of
December '94.
The town chose John Peabody, Moderator for the meeting.
Also voted by the major part of the town, that the
town of Boxford shall pay to the ministry of Topsfield,
this year '94. the sum of eighteen pounds, one third
part.

part of it silver money, provided they will as according as they do themselves, which was their promise.

At a lawful town-meeting, held in Boxford the 22nd of January 1745.

The Town chose Samuel Symonds senior Moderator for the meeting.

Voted that the town choose the place to set the Meeting-house in, and the place is between William Peabody's house, and George Kimby's house, as they can agree with the owners of the land

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At a lawfull town-meeting, held in Boxford the 29th of January 1745.

And first we chose Daniel Wood Moderator for the present meeting; also, the Town chose fivemen to be a Committee to carry on the work of building the Meeting-house in the town of Boxford according to their best discretion, employing men in our own town, if they may be obtained reasonably; also, to agree with the owner of the land, on which the Meetinghouse is to stand. The men chosen to be the Committee aboveisaid be as followeth, Thomas Andrews, Esq. John Perley, John Peabody, Quartermaster Tyler, Thomas Hazen.

At a legal town-meeting, holden in Boxford the 12th of March 1745.

The Town chose Corporal Joseph Kimby Moderator for the meeting.

2nd The Town chose Sergeant John Chadwick Constable for the year ensuing.

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3d. The town chose five Selectmen, and to be assessors, and their names be as followeth, Ens.r John Perley, Quartermaster Tyler, Corporal Joseph Bixby, John Andrews, Corporal Joseph Peabody- and John Peabody Clerk; also, Abraham Peckington Jun.r and Josiah Bridges Surveyors of Highways; also, Joseph Andrews, Ephraim Smith, John Farnes and Moses Tyler Jun.r Jones viewers for the year ensuing; also, Lieut. Perley Grand Juror and Daniel Wood senior Juror of Triales; also, the town chose five men to meet with Topsfield men, to agree with them, if they can, about the welling of their bounds with our town in a place where they and our town join together; and if this Committee above chosen, cannot agree with Topsfield Committee in welling the bound between them and us where it is, then the aboves.d Committee are to make return to the town, that so other methods may be improved for the welling of bounds. The names of the Committee are as follows, Ensign John Perley, Lieut. Thomas Perley, Samuel Symonds senior, Corporal Thomas Andrews and John Peabody, also, John Peabody, at the expence of the town to get copies of the General Court

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 17th of '95.

The town chose John Peabody Moderator for the day.-

2nd The town chose John Peabody to serve as their Representative at the General Court to begin at Boston on the 20th of this

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instant May; also, the town chose the same Committee to settle bounds with all others which join upon us in all places, which we chose to agree with Topsfield concerning their line with us - and their names are as follows, Ensign John Perley, John Peabody, Lieut. Thomas Perley, Thomas Andrews and Samuel Symmonds.

Attest. John Peabody Town Clerk.

At a lawful town-meeting, held in Boxford the 29th of July 1695.

The town chose Ensign John Perley Moderator.

also, chose Lieut. Thomas Perley Commissioner for the present year; also, the town chose Abraham Redington to serve on the Jury of Trials next court at Newbury.

The town chose John Emmes to make a Pound, and to set it by, or neer Joseph Hale's House, and the said Hale to be the pound-keeper for the present year.

At a lawful town-meeting, held in Boxford the 9th of December 1695.

The town chose Samuel Symmonds Moderator for the meeting.

The Selectmen declared that the ground of the meeting was to allow of such bills of charge, as were by law and reason allowable. Several were offered, but only one allowed to Edward Phelps. Also, the town voted to pay to Rowley, the twenty shillings which is yearly due to them.

At a lawful town-meeting, holden in Boxford the 10th of March 1696.

The town chose William Peabody Moderator for the present meeting.

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chose Daniel Wood Constable for the year ensuing—
The Selectmen and Assessors be as followeth, John Peab-
-ody, William Peabody, Thomas Andrews, Jonathan
Foster, Jonathan Kirby; also, Ebenezer Stiles and
Thomas Perley Jur. be chosen Fence viewers this yeare,
Also, Moses Tyler Jur. and Enoch how Curtice be chosen
Surveyors for the year ensuing; also, John Canner is
chosen Juryman at Trials for the next Court at Ipswich.
Also, Samuel Symonds is chosen Grandjuryman for
the year ensuing; also the town chose Captain Wicom
to assist and help our Committee in all difficulties they
may meet with in settling our bounds with all towns
we join upon, and we do agree to satisfy Captain Wicom
in reason for his service, if he will be persuaded to help
us in that affair; also, the town voted that the Selectmen
this year shall call all the Constables that have been
in our town, to give an account, what they have done
with the money that was overlaid in each mans rates
the years they served, that said may be disposed of
for the use of the town; also, voted that George Kirby
shall have the use of the parsonage meadow this
year ensuing, and he to pay for it what it is worth;
also the town voted, that no man shall meddle with
the timber belonging to the parsonage farm with-
-out order from the Selectmen; also, the town chose
Corporal Joseph Kirby town-treasurer for the year
ensuing; also, ~~do agree~~ that the men that be Asses-
-sors, they be excused— the town chose other Assessors.

We.

We whose names are under written have agreed this
day of July 1696. in settleing the bounds between
Boxford and the proprietors of the Farm at Mills-hill,
namely Esqr. and Esqr Balingomes, former
ly called Powers and the bounds be as followeth, a
tree marked by the River, about forty rods above the
Indian Bridge; and from thence upon a northwest
course to a heap of stones a little above William Hales
house; and from thence upon a northerly course to a heap
of stones by Pout pond brook; and so from thence upon the
same course to a forked white oak-tree which is now down
and a heap of stones in the roome of it; and from thence
northerly to a Rock in Beach-brook, where the brooks
meet; and from thence upon a northwesterly to a white
oak-tree; and from thence upon the same course to a
crooked white oak-tree marked with Bee.

Boxford Committee were Ensign John Perley and
Corporal Thomas Andrews and Samuel Symmonds sen^r.

The Proprietors of the aboveseid Farm were
Thomas Fuller senior, and Thomas Fuller Junior
and Thomas Wilkins.

As Attest John Peabody Clerk.

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of February 1696. the Selectmen of Boxford called
the Constable to a reckoning for money that was overlaid
in each mans rates, and four of them did appear to
reckon, namely Joseph Bixby, Ephraim Curtice, Abra-
ham Redington and John Kimball, and the

Selectmen.

Selectmen are satisfied with the accounts, and do find John Kimball to be in the Town debt £2.-.9. and do order him to pay to Abraham Redington one pound four shillings for persons that were over rated in this year, which was not just, through mistakes, and to Joseph Bixby nine shillings and eight pence, and to John Peabody eighteen shillings and four pence for the use of the town, and have paid to Joseph Bixby sixteen shillings, for a rate that he payed to Josiah Bridges when he was Constable in 1761. and when he recovers the sixteen shillings of said Bridges, he is to return it to the town.— We do find the Town to be in debt to Ephraim Curtice, sixteen shillings and ten pence for persons that were rated, which could not, be with, be gathered. Witness our hands, the Selectmen of Boxford

John Peabody,
Thomas Andrews,
Jonathan Bixby,
William Peabody.

The abovesaid John Kimball hath paid to the abovesaid Abraham Redington the twenty four shillings as is ~~above~~ above described by the Selectmen then in being as Attest.

Abraham Redington.

The 2nd day of March 96/7. the Selectmen of Boxford which served in the year 96. have laid out a town Highway from their Trainingfield place, to the northwest end of their town, beginning at the trainingfield, and so along the path by Abraham Redington's field to the Widow Stiles' newfield, and so the path to cold water meadow swamp, and so over the swamp and along the path to Samuel Pickard's new field now in the possession of Jonathan and William Foster, and from the east end of that field, to the east end of Pickard's meadow pine-swamp, and from thence on a northwest course on the south side of a great valley and swamp straight to Andover road, leading to Ipswich, not very far from Joseph Tyler's field and so along Andover road to Sergeant Chadwick's corner of his field, and from thence near young Moses Tylers Barn, and so along the path to Nathaniel Peabody's House, and so into a way the proprietors of Mr. Nelsons great Farm have laid for their necessary use.

From the Trainingfield to Thomas Peabody's House is nine miles and a half to the best of our remembrance.

At a lawful town meeting, held in Boxford

The town chose William Peabody Moderator.

The town chose Thomas Andrews Constable for the year ensuing.

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The town chose the Selectmen for the year ensuing. also, chose the same men for Assessors for the year ensuing and their names be as followeth, Corporal Joseph Bixby, Joseph Andrews, William Peabody, Sargeant Chadwick and Thomas Perley Jur. these are to serve for the year ensuing; also, William Foster senior Grand Juror for the year ensuing; also, Joseph Hale to serve on the Jury of Trials at Ipswich next Court.

Thomas Andrews is chosen Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Samuel Symonds senior and John Eames, Surveyors for the year ensuing.

Thomas Hazen and Joseph Peabody Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

Moses Tyler senior and Thomas Redington, Tythingmen for the year ensuing.

The town have voted to accept of Capt. Gould's and Mr. Endicotts Farms, if any men will be at cost and pains to procure them to be laid to our town, by petitioning to the General Court to return them - so, that if any men will be at charges to petition the General Court to obtain them, and do recover them, the town will be at all the cost and charges that be expended; but, if they cannot obtain one of them, then they that do spend their time and money will bear it them-

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-selves, unless the town do further act in it.

The town have voted that their shall be a Pound set by Timothy Dorman's or Joseph Peabody's house, and to be set up by any that will join together to do it at the towns cost and charge.—

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 10th of May, 97.

The town chose John Andrews Moderator for the day.

Chose John Peabody to serve as a Representative at the Great Court to be kept and held the 26th of this present May, 97.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 7th of June

The town chose Thomas Redington, Moderator for the day.

The town voted to carry the timber of the Meeting-house to the northside of the plain near to John Brunwells, and their to frame it by the thornbushes where the paths meet, that come from William Foster's and Abraham Redington's dwelling houses, voted by the major part then present.

The town chose three men to be a Committee to agree with workmen, or a workman to build and finish the Meetinghouse within one year and eight months after the date hereof if it may be, and to hire men as cheap as they can; it was also, voted, that the Meetinghouse shall be thirty four feet.—

feet long, and about thirty feet in breadth.

The three men chosen for this Committee are Lieut. Thomas Perley, Clerk Samuel Symonds and John Peabody.

The town did agree and voted to petition the General Court, to order it, so that Captain Gould's farm and Mr. Endicott's farm, shall, for time to come, pay duty to Boxford, in whose township they do lye, and we do think, do most properly belong, they both being of the land which was given to Rowley by the General Court as we were - that is now called Boxford, and we know not that ever Rowley gave away their right in those two Farms as to township - though we know by Court record, that Rowley did charge both with Mr. Endicott and Mr. Paine, them two farms for land to be laid out to them of Country land - now the Court did promise to do for Mr. Endicott, and did order Ensign Howlet and John Gage to lay out Mr. Paine the three hundred acres granted to Capt. Patrick or Lucheus Gould of land, and to lay it adjoining to Rowley-town bounds; also, what money shall be expended in manageing a petition at the General Court for to procure the injoyment of the above said Farms shall be at the Towns cost and charge.

The following meeting, by mistake was copied on the 5th page

At a lawful town meeting, held in Boxford the 16th of May 1692.

The Town chose John Peabody Moderator for the day.

2nd The Town chose John Peabody to serve this year as a Representative for the Town of Boxford.

3d That the said Peabody shall use all civil means to recover our monies again, which we have lost by misinformation in signifying that we did not do our duty in the maintaining of the ministry; also, to petition the Court for the money that we paid that grew by reason of that misinformation, more than was our just and equal proportion, compared with other towns next to us; also, to petition the General Court for Mr Endicott's farm and for Captain Gould's farm, for to pay duty to Boxford, to which Town, we think they do most properly belong, being once given to Rowley by the Court, and the cost of the petition to be at the Towns charge.

At a lawful town meeting, held in Boxford the 6th of September 1692.

The Town chose Thomas Hazen Moderator, and chose Lieut Thomas Perley to serve as a Jurymen the next Court at Newbury.

At a lawful town-meeting, held in Boxford the 3d of January, 1698/9.

The town chose Sargeant Hazen Moderator for the day.

1st The town voted to choose five men to be a Committee to carry on the work of building, and finishing of our meetinghouse.

2nd It is also voted, that every man in the town shall have liberty to do as much work, in building and finishing of the Meetinghouse as will come to their share, excepting the money part - and those five men shall set the price that every man shall have for the work that he shall do about the meetinghouse.

3d - That this Meetinghouse shall be made fit for to be raised by the first of June next ensuing; also, to be finished by the first of January next ensuing, or sooner if it may be conveniently so done.

4th - That those five men that be our Committee to carry on the Meetinghouse, shall have three shillings a day from the first of March to the first of November, and then half a crown a day till the first of March following - and those five men chosen for our Committee, to carry on the Meeting-house, their names be as followeth, Ens.r John Perley, Corporal Thomas Andrews, Sergeant Thomas Hazen, Corporal Daniel Wood and Joseph Hale.

Hale be the Committee abovesaid.

5.th The Town have agreed and voted, that the Select-
men for the time being shall make a rate, or rates
for to raise money as need shall require from time
to time, for to carry on the work of finishing the
Meting house, taking their direction from the
Committee, how much they shall raise from time
to time

The Selectmen of Boxford, in the year 1690, the 5.th
of August, made a rate of twenty one pounds one shil-
ing and three pence, or thereabouts- and delivered it to
William Watson Constable of Boxford, and ordered him
to pay eighteen pounds of said rate to the County
Treasurer, and the rest of it to Joseph Hale for the
use of the town- as attest. John Peabody, one of
them and Town Clerk.

The Selectmen abovesaid made another rate some
time in January following, which does amount
to the sum of thirty pounds fourteen shillings and
seven pence, or thereabout- and ordered the Constable,
William Watson, to pay thirty pounds of it to the
County Treasurer, and the overplus, to deliver to the
Selectmen for the use of the town.

As attest John Peabody Town Clerk and
one of the Selectmen for the years 1690- in the
Town of Boxford.

Also, the Selectmen of Boxford made a town rate the 2d of February 1690/9- which rate amounted to the sum of seventeen pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence- and ordered the Constable, William Watson, to gather said rate, and deliver it to the Selectmen then in being, for the use of the town; also, to make up his accompts with the Selectmen by the tenth of September next following- in

Attest. John Peabody, one of the Selectmen and Town Clerk.-

This last rate was delivered to Samuel Symonds to gather, because Mr. Watson had neglected it, and plead much infirmity, so that the whole rate was in danger of being lost- wherefore, the Selectmen took the list from said Watson and wrote it over again, every name just even in another sort of paper, just as they were in Mr. Watson's list, and we delivered this list to Mr. Samuel Symonds, the then Constable of Boxford.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 3 of February 1690/9

The town chose Ensign Perley Moderator for the day.

The town chose five men to be a committee to agree with workmen to build and finish a Meetinghouse in the town of Boxford, and to make a gallery in it, and a pulpit as good as Topsfields, and to make seats, both for the lower room and gallery, sufficient for the whole house.

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The towne did agree voluntarily, and unanimously to raise money to pay the workmen, that the Committee aboveseid shall agree with, to build and finish our Meetinghouse, and to raise money, as much as will be needful to pay the workmen for building and finishing the meetinghouse— and what money is needful, the town do agree to raise at three times. The first payment is to be the twentieth of May next— and the second payment is to be by the next Christmas after the date hereof; and the third payment to be when the whole work is fully finished.

The town is to be at the charges of raising the Meetinghouse, and to satisfy the Committee for what charges they shall necessarily be at in dischargeing their trust reposed in them, and the Committee which the town have chosen at this time be as followeth, Joseph Andrews, Corporal Joseph Bixby, Corporal Daniel Wood, John Emmes and Zacheus Curtice— and they be not to promise above six score pounds, which is according to what was offered, and to be paid at three distinct payments as aboveseid.—

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 4th of March 1765.

1st The town chose Corporal Joseph Bixby Moderator.

2nd Clerk Samuel Symmes is chosen Constable for the year ensuing.

3d The Selectmen be as followeth, Lieut. Perley, John Peabody, John Andrews, John Emmes, William Peabody

4th William Foster senior is chosen Scything man for the year ensuing; also, have chose Ebenezer Tyler, Thomas Wilkins, Abraham Redington Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing.

5th Thomas Redington and John Stiles Fenceviewers this year; also, Ephraim Curtice is chosen to serve on the grand Jury this year; also, Josiah Bridges is chosen to serve on the Jury of trials at next Court to be holden at Ipswich after the date hereof; also, John Peabody is chosen Town Clerk for the year ensuing; also, the Town chose five men to be a Committee to find the most suitable place to set our Meetinghouse in— and the names of the men be as followeth, Ensign Jewett, Capt. Greenleaf, Capt. Goodhue, Capt. Osgood and Doctor Dean— then, several, being gone, we came to controvert about the legality of such a work to be done two hours in the night, when many were gone; yet, them that were left did proceed to choose five men to be informers of the said Committee— and their names be Lieut. Perley, Sargeant Chadwick, Joseph Andrews, Enoch Curtice and John Peabody. The 16th May 1799. The Town chose John Peabody to serve as a Representative for the year 99 also, to manage their petition for the two farms that did belong to Governor Endicott and Enoch Gould.

At a legal town-meeting, held the 18th day of September 1699.

The town chose John Andrews Moderator for the day. Also, Moses Sayler to serve as a Jury-man at Court at Newbury; also, the town chose five men to be a Committee to determine upon the most suitable place to set our Meeting-house in, for to accomodate our town for the most convenience in general.

The names of the Committee are, Nehemiah Jewell, Capt. Raymont, Doctor Dean, Deacon Noulton, Sargeant Ephraim Stevens. –

At a town meeting, held in Boxford the 22d of Sept. 1699.

The town chose John Andrews Moderator for the meeting; also, the town voted to stand to the determination of the Committee, who were chosen on the eighteenth day of this instant September, or the major part of them in agreeing upon and stating of a place where our Meeting-house shall stand; also, voted to satisfy the above-said Gentlemen for their pains, in reason. The town Lieut. Perley and Corporal Thomas Andrews to apply to the above-said Gentlemen for this service – and the 14th of March 1699/700. The town have chose Lieut. Perley, Sergeant Chadwick, Joseph Andrews, Lieut. Curtice and John Peabody, to inform the above-said Committee how the town lays, and for length and breadth.

27th of April '99. The Selectmen of Boxford made a Rate for the charges of the Meetinghouse, amounting to the sum of thirty one pounds eight shillings and eight pence, as the Country rate is raised; also, the Selectmen made a Rate containing ten pounds nineteen shillings and three pence at the same time, and raised it on vacant lands lying in our township, and delivered both the abovesaid Rates to Constable Symonds to gather, and deliver the money to Corporal Wood.—

As Attest John Peabody, Clerk.—

In August '99. The Selectmen made a rate of nineteen pounds ten shillings, and delivered it to Constable Symonds, and ordered him to pay eighteen pounds of it to the County Treasurer— and the rest to deliver to the Selectmen for the use of the Town.

As Attest John Peabody, one of the Selectmen and Town Clerk.

The Selectmen of Boxford made a town rate the 29th of December 1699. amounting to the sum of thirty eight pounds twelve shillings, or there abouts, and ordered the Constables to carry thirty pounds of it to Corporal Daniel Wood, and eight pounds twelve shillings to John Peabody for the use of the town.

As Attest: John Peabody.—

The Committee chosen the 12th day of September 1699.
to state a place to set our Meetinghouse in- came, on
the 3d and on the 4th days of October 1699 and accord-
-ingly viewed both the places nominated to them by
the informers, and have shewed their opinion of the
place which they did think most convenient for the
town in general to set a Meetinghouse in- and
here is a copy of their award in that matter as followeth

We, whose names are subscribed, being chosen by the
town of Ipswich, a Committee to determine upon the
most suitable place to set their Meetinghouse in, to
accommodate said Town in general, as appeareth by
their town vote brought to said Subscribers by Lieut.
Perley and Corporal Thomas Andrews- we being
met upon the third and fourth days of October 1699.
at the house of said Perley, were attended by the
Committee appointed by said Town for informa-
-tion, how the town lyeth, and the Inhabitants
seated, to wit, Lieut. Perley, Sergeant Chadwick, Jos-
-eph Andrews, Lieut. Matthew Caldwell Lieut. John Peab-
-ody, who gave us full information with respect
to the premises, as well as many other persons
of said Town who were present; which, after hearing
all the debates and pleas, pro and con. with respect to
the premises that the opposite parties made, viewing
of the said places offered for our consideration, with

respect to the setting of said House, we have concluded and determined, that said Meetinghouse will stand most convenient, to accommodate said Town in general, on a small hill in the land of Abrahams and Thomas Redington, where a stump stands with stones laid upon it, upon the northerly side of the thornbushes, and meeting of two ways; which stump and stones were shewed to us by said Thomas Redington.

In testimony that it is our determination with respect to the premises, we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above written.

Nehemiah Jewett,
William Raymond,
Philemon Dean,
Nathaniel Penoulton.

This is a true copy taken out of the Instrument drawn up by said Committee to be their determination concerning the most suitable place for to accommodate the town in general. As Attest John Peabody, who copied it out, Town Clerk.

Whereas the town ~~Parish~~ of Boxford have chosen a Committee to state a place to set our Meetinghouse in, and accordingly the Committee have been viewing the places proposed to them by the informers, and have also, determined upon a place near to the Thornbushes, on the land that now is the possession of Abraham Redington and Thomas Redington, and they both

lovingly

lovingly and freely, have given, granted, and do by these presents, give, grant and confirm to the town of Boxford a parcel of land for the use of the town, for to set their Meetinghouse on, so long as the town shall have occasion to improve the said Land for a Meetinghouse to stand on the said land. The first bound is a tree, which is Ensign Dorman's corner bound and so northerly fifteen rods to a small white oak marked; from thence easterly ten rods to a great rock with stones laid upon it; and from thence southerly thirteen rods and a half to a red oak-tree marked; and from thence eight rods westerly to the first bound; and this aboveseid land layeth adjoining the twelve rod broad-road which runneth from the thorn bushes to the other road which lieth from Lindover to Topsfield. And for the true performance of what is above written, we the aboveseid Abraham Redington and Thomas Redington do bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, not to molest the town, so long as the town shall have occasion to improve the said land for a Meetinghouse— and in testimony of what is above written, we the aboveseid Redingtons have set to our hands this twenty third of October 1699.

Witness

Joseph Bixby,

John Andrews.

Abraham Redington

Thomas Redington

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 11th day of December 1699.

1st The town chose Joseph Hale Moderator for the day.

2nd The town voted, that the Selectmen, now in being shall call all the Constables to an account, that have not given an account of all the money laid in their several ~~rates~~ delivered to them by the Selectmen respectively in their several years; it is to be understood, that all the Constables that have not cleared their accounts and ~~paid~~ the money where they have been ordered by the Selectmen. ——

The town of Boxford has voted for, and made choice of Lieutenant Curtice and John Eames for Collectors, and the town doth empower them, and also, hereby empowereth to gather and receive all the several sums of money that is levied by way of rate upon persons that have vacant land in their hands, lying within the township of Boxford, which is rated, for to discharge the charges arising for building and finishing a Meetinghouse in Boxford; also, the town doth give them full power to sue for, and recover, of any person or persons that shall either neglect or refuse to pay their several sums of money assessed on them by the Selectmen of Boxford, both of persons living in our town, and such as live in other towns, that have land lying in our town; also, the aboves'd Curtice and Eames be hereby empowred to sue for and prosecute

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any person or persons, that they shall have occasion to commence any suit or suits against from Court to Court till the cause, or causes be ended - and what money they shall gather or receive of persons for rates as aforesaid, they are hereby ordered to deliver to Corporal Daniel Wood for the use of the town, towards the Meetinghouse charges in Bosford. -

According to a town vote, the Selectmen went to call the Constables to a reckoning, and have reckoned with Constable Watson, and find him one pound four shillings and seven pence behind, of which money we have given him six shillings and seven pence for his trouble he hath been at - and we have ordered him to pay eighteen shillings to John Peabody, for the use of the town; also, eight shillings and six pence due from Constable Watson to the town for so much which he gathered of a town rate delivered to him, and hath delivered the rate to the Selectmen again this 22nd of December 1699. on the condition that he pay the whole sum of money to the aforesaid Peabody. -

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The 12th of March 1699/1700.

1st The town chose Ens.n Hazen Moderator for the day.

The town chose Joseph Hale Constable for the year ensuing.

The Selectmen and Assessors be as followeth, Ensign Perley, Sargeant Joseph Kirby, Joseph Andrews,

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Jonath Bridges, and Corporal Joseph Peabody be Select-
men the year ensuing; also, William Foster, Thomas
Redington, Corporal Kimball be chosen Sythingmen
for the year ensuing; also, the town chose John Stiles,
Moses Tyler and Thomas Wilkins and Daniel Wood
be chosen Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing;
also, Abraham Redington and John Brazwell Fence
viewers; also, Corporal Daniel Wood is chosen Grand-
Juror for the year ensuing; also, Timothy Dorman to
serve on the Jury of Trials this next Court at Ipswich.
The town voted, that the vacant land rate that is
delivered to Zaccheus Curtice and John Eames for to gather,
shall be paid forthwith which rate was made the
29th of December 1699.

At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford the 8th of
May 1700.

The town chose Lieut. Perley and John Peabody to serve
as Representatives this year ensuing, and to serve
by turns, one at a time; voted also, that John Peabody
shall attend to manage the Petition laying in
Court, though he stay no longer, which hath a promise
of hearing the second Friday of next Session, and to
be allowed by the town what money he shall expend in
procuring copies of Records to make appear our
just rights according to the General Courts grant,
both to Ipswich and Rowley, from which Towns we

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did proceed originally- and what other charges shall be needful in the management of our petition now laying in Court

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We, whose names are under written, being appointed by the town of Rowley May the 11th, 1699. to impower the Town of Boxford to settle bounds with the Towns of Salem, Topsfield, Andover and Bradford, or any other that the Township of Rowley formerly granted was bordering upon- we do fully and absolutely grant and give to the town of Boxford as full power to settle any bounds, or run any line or lines with any town or towns, farm or farms, that were formerly adjoining to the bounds of the town of Rowley, before that Boxford had the grant of a Township- and what power we formerly had, and still have, we resign up our sole power to Boxford Town, to transact in any such business, as if we our selves were actually possessed of said Township of Boxford as we formerly were- allways reserving to ourselves, the common land that lyeth in the Village undivided, as may appear by an agreement bearing date the seventh of July, one thousand six hundred and eighty five- and the payment of the twenty shilling per ammum in Silver, expressed in said Agreement by Joseph Bixby senior, John Peabody, William Foster, Samuel Symonds and Moses Tyler senior, to be paid by them to the Town

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of Rowley or their orders, while Boxford have an Or-
thodox minister settled among them, with the
three pounds which will be due the seventh of July
next and already ordered to Captain Wicom- dated
May 12th, 1699. by Daniel Wicom, Joseph Boynton
and Samuel Watts of Rowley, and confirmed at
a legal meeting of the town of Rowley by an Act
of said Town May 16th, 1699. This is a true copy
taken out of the town book of Rowley- as attest
Joseph Boynton Clerk for Rowley.

We whose names be hereto subscribed, being ap-
pointed by Ipswich and Boxford respectively to
perambulate the bounds between said Towns, met
this day, being the 8th day of April 1700. and the
following bounds are them which are the standing
bounds betwixt the said Towns. First beginning
at the swamp, called the Ash swamp, where there
is a heap of stones by a perth side, upon the west side
of said Swamp, thence running westerly of said
Swamp to a little white oak bush, with a heap of
stones about it, thence on the same line to a heap
of stones; thence on the same line to two red oak trees
with stones by them, and some stones placed between
them; thence on the same line to a heap of stones

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on a ridge by a meadowside, called Perley's meadow, thence on the same line to a heap of stones in Lieut Thomas Perley's field, that hath a walnut bush in the heap of stones; thence to a lopped white oak-tree which is dead with stones about it; thence on the same line to a marked ~~old~~ oak tree with a heap of stones about it; thence on a straight line to an apple-tree in Lieut. Thomas Perley's field— as witness our hands— Abraham How, John Perley, Williarm Howlet, Thomas Perley.— —

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 21st of September 1700.

1st The town chose Ens.r Perley Moderator for the meeting.

2nd The towne chose John Eames to serve on the jury of Triales next Court at Newbury; also chose John Eames to make a pound in that end of the towne where he liveth, and set it up by Quartermaster Tyler's barn, or near to it in that Road; also, the town did appoint, that there should be another pound made and set up between Corporal Peabody's house and Timothy Dorman's house, or in some other place in that Road as may be convenient, and have chose John Peabody to see that this Pound be made by May next; also, the town chose Ens.r Perley to see that there be another pound made and set up by Joseph Hale's hous-

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or near thereabouts where it is already voted to be mowed. Those three places be allowed of by the town for the ease and benefit of the whole.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 1st of October 1700.

The town voted to send Ens[r] John Perley and Clerk Symonds, to invite M[r] Sirimms, M[r] Peirsons, M[r] Capon, M[r] Barnard to come to our town, and to afford us their help in keeping a day of prayer, to seek the LORD for his blessing in our calling a Minister to dispence the word of God among us in the town of Boxford; also, the town voted to satisfy those men who shall entertain the ministers and their attendants, who shall come to afford us their help in the said day.

The town chose Ens[r] Perley, Lieut. Perley, Clerk Symonds, Sargeant Andrews and John Peabody, to be a Committee, to meet with a Committee sent by Order of the General Court, to view the liner between Topsfield and Boxford; also, to inform them, as well as they can, where the lines between Topsfield and Boxford is, or ought to be according to Court grant, or otherwise settled; also, to act in the Towns behalf, what they shall see needful for the good of the town in that affair according to the true intent of the General Courts Order.

The Selectmen of Boxford being met together on the 17th day of July 1700. have agreed that the Highway shall continue as it is voted for that end, from the road by William Foster's fields, along to Rowley bounds neer to a hill called Tobacco-pipe hill; as witness our hands the Selectmen of Boxford.

Joseph Kirkby,
Joseph Peabody,
Joseph Andrews.

This is a true copy of what was given in to be recorded— As Attest John Peabody Clerk for Boxford.

We the Selectmen of Boxford being met together on the 9th day of September 1700. have agreed that a Highway shall lay and continue from the Meetinghouse as straight as the ground will most conveniently admit of to the upper end of the meadow that layeth a little way below the Widow Peabody's new mill, and so, over the brook to the bounds of the land between the Widow Peabody's land and Joseph Hale's land, and so along upon their bounds to Andover Highway, part upon the Widow Peabody's land, and part upon Joseph Hale's land— as witness our hands, the Selectmen of Boxford.

John Kerley,
Joseph Kirkby,
Josiah Bridges,
Joseph Peabody,
Joseph Andrews.

Whereas, the Committee have enjoined the Carpenters to fill our meetinghouse with seats as Andover Meet=inghouse is filled- and upon the towns desire, the Committee have released the Carpenters of that obligation as to seating the Meetinghouse, and do leave it to the direction of Ensign John Perley and Clerk Samuel Symonds with the Carpenters to fill the Meetinghouse with seats as they shall see cause to the towns best advantage- this was agreed to and voted by the town the 4th of October 1700.

The Selectmen of Boxford met together on the 17th of July 1700. We have agreed that the Highway shall lay and continue for that use from Francis Elliot's house unto the Mill-path as it is now improved, and as the trees are marked, and so on to Crooked-pond brook, and so on as the trees are marked to the edge of the long plain- from thence, straight over said plain unto the Fishing-brook a little above the pound-hole- and so on to the road coming out of the field by Timothy Dorman's Barn. Said Road to lay, one part on said Dorman's land, and part on Corporal Joseph Peabody's land, and so on to the Meetinghouse as witness our hands. the Selectmen of Boxford-

John Perley, Joseph Birby, Josiah Bridges and Joseph Andrews.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 9th. of January 1700/1701.

The towne chose Ens.r Perley Moderator for the day.

The towne voted to give an invitation to Mr. Thomas Symmes to be our minister if it please God to incline him to take up with our invitation and what we can give; also, the towne have chose Corporal Daniel Wood and Corporal Thomas Perley to go to Cambridge and carry the townes vote and declare it to Mr. Symmes, and bring the town his answer, whether he will accept of it or not; also, the towne have received the Meetinghouse this day, of the Committee and Carpenters to full satisfaction according to bargaine.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 15th. of January 1700/1701. The towne chose Sargeant Thomas Andrews Moderator for the meeting.

The towne voted to choose a Committe to treat with the Indians about their demand of money for our town being within the tract of land the Indians have claimed, to belong to the Sagamore of Agawam which also, they have proved, that they are the grandchildren of the said Sagamore. The Committee chosen for this service be as followeth, Ens.r Perley, Lieut. Perley, John.r Peabody, Ens.r Hazzen, Joseph Bridges. The towne have agreed and voted that

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this Committee, or the major part of them, have full power to agree with the Indians in order to their demand, both for quantity of money and for the time when it shall be paid; also, have voted to lay and raise the money proportionably upon all the land within our township.

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The 16th of January 1700/1701. The Committee, according to the town order have agreed with Samuel English, the grandson of Mascanomenet, Sagamore of Aggawam, concerning his title to our town - and we have taken a Deed of him, from Bradford bounds to Ipswich River, and from Wills hill to Ipswich line according to the Court grant to Rowley, and we have given him eight pounds of money and all their charges, which is about nine pounds and four shillings in the whole. Here is an account of what each man laid down to make up the sum

Ensign Perley, one pound six Shillings.
Lieut. Perley, one pound ten shillings.
Ensign Hazen, two pounds.
John Peabody, one pound four shillings.
David Wood lent the Committee two pounds four shillings.
Lieut. Perley one pound, in victuals and drink, and five shillings and six pence for acknowledgment of the deed.

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About the 10th of October 1701. Joseph Foster brought Joseph English and John Umpee, to set their hands to a quit claime, and received of John Peabody two shillings and nine pence in Silver, and Rume and victuals enought; also, John Peabody paid Mr. Adington three shillings for writing the quitclaim which these two Indians signed unto.

The two pounds four shillings, lent by David Wood, is paid again- thirteen shillings and nine pence by Josiah Bridges, and five shillings he paide of it for his father and himself, for their own share- and by John Peabody, one pound five shillings and nine pence, so, that the two pounds four shillings is paid.

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Samuel English an Indian, the grandson and heir of Wawcarromenet the Sagamore of Nggawam in the County of Essex in Newengland, sendeth Greetings- Know ye, that I the said Samuel English, good and sufficient reasons and considerations moving me thereunto, and for the full and just sum of nine pounds of current money of Newengland, truly paid unto me the said Samuel English, the receipt whereof, I do hereby acknowledge, in full of all rights of Indian claims and titles whatsoever by Ensign John

Perley, Lieut. Thomas Perley, Ens.r Thomas Hazen, Lieut John Peabody and Josiah Bridges a Committee, and Agents for the town of Boxford in the County of Essex, in the province of the Massachusetts in Newengland, wherewith, I, the said Samuel English do hereby acknowledge myself fully satisfied, paid and contented: forever have given, granted, bargained, sold and confirmed, and do by these Presents do fully, freely and absolutely, give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm forever unto them the said John Perley, Thomas Perley, Thomas Hazen, John Peabody and Josiah Bridges, and to ev.ry other of the Proprietors and Inhabitants of said town of Boxford as shall well and truly pay unto the abovesaid Committee, at, or before the first day of May next ensuing the date hereof, their due and respective parts and proportions of the sum of money aforesaid, and all other charges expended by said Committee, in and about the same, to their due satisfaction, a certain Tract of land (containing by estimation) twelve thousand acres be the contents thereof more, or be they less, known by the name of the Township of Boxford in the County aforesaid- being butted and

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bounded, northerly by a marked pine-tree on the southerly side of Merrimack River, which is the corner bound; and then the line runs by the marked trees that are between Andover and Boxford, and southerly as the trees accordingly are marked between Andover and Boxford as it hath been perambulated, till it comes to the eight-mile-tree, so called, which is a bound mark betwixt Andover and Boxford, and southerly to a white oak-tree which is the bound betwixt Willshill men and said Boxford- and then southerly to a wild pear-tree or box-tree, standing by Ipswich River-side- and then easterly as the river runs till it meets with Ipswich line, which said Line doth extend nine miles from said Ipswich Meetinghouse- and then upon a straight line till it comes to an Aspletree that is Lieut. Perley's field marked- and then it runs with Ipswich line until it meets with Rowley line near Caleb Jackson's, and so till it comes to a white oak in Bradford line, as it is settled betwixt Boxford and Rowley- and then westerly till it meets with the pine tree first mentioned, parting between Boxford and Andover; all which tract of land in the said Township of said Boxford, according as it.

it is bounded or ought to be bounded with all the Lands, Soils, Rivers, Brooks, Streams, Water, Waters, Ponds, Fishings, Huntings, Wood, Stones, Grass, Food and all the rights, profits, privileges, commodities and appertenances thereto belonging, or in any manner of ways appertaining to the same or any part thereof.

To have and to hold, to them the said John Perley, Thomas Perley, Thomas Hazen, John Peabody and Josiah Bridges and to others of the inhabitants and proprietors of said town of Boxford, provided as is above provided, to their, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, in quiet and peaceable possession forever, in fee simple, a good and sound estate of inheritance freely and clearly acquitted, released and discharged of all, and from all Indian rights and titles whatsoever, that may be made by me, or any other Native in this land of Newengland:— Further, I, the said Samuel English do hereby covenant, promise and grant to and with the aforesaid Committee of the town of Boxford, that at, and until the ensealing and declaring of these presents, I had good right **** full power and

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lawfull authority, to grant and convey the same, and all the premises as aboveseaid- hereby binding myself, heirs, executors administrators forever, to defend the said John Perley, Thomas Perley, Thomas Hazen, John Peabody and Josiah Bridges and others as is provided accordingly: before them, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, from the lawful claims of all persons whatsoever, to the same, or any part of the above mentioned and granted premises, In wilness whereof, I the said Samuel English do hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of January, seventeen hundred, seventeen hundred and one, and in the twelfth year of the reign of our Royal Sovereign William the Third over england and King.

Signed, sealed and delivered,
in presence of us— Samuel his mark English

Thomas Baker,
Joseph Foster,
Moses Parker.

Samuel English an Indian, appeared before before me the Subscriber, one of his Magestys Justices of Peace for the County of Essex, and acknowledged this Instrument to be his act and deed this sixteenth of January 1700/1701.

Dudly Bradstreet.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 20th of January 1700/1701.

The town chose Lieut. Perley Moderator for the day. Chose Samuel Symonds to go to Cambridge and accompany Mr. Symmes to our town; also, the town have voted to choose five men to settle our Inhabitants of the towne, in seating our inhabitants in our Meetinghouse according to their severall rights, having regard chiefly to estates, yet so as to have respect to old age - the men chosen for this service are John Andrews and Jonathan Foster.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 11th of March 1700/1701.

The town chose Clerk Symonds Moderator for the day; also, the towne chose Lieut. John Peabody to be Town Clerk for the yeer ensuing; also, the town chose Joseph Hale Clerk for the day; also, the town chose Lieutenant Curtice Constable for the year ensuing; also, the towne chose five Selectmen for the yeer ensuing, and their names be as followeth, Clerk Symonds, Lieut. Perley, Corporal Thomas Redington, Corporal Kimball and Samuel Smith, and to be Assessors; also, the town chose Abraham Redington Grand-Juryman for the

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year ensuing and Corporal Thomas Perley to serve on the Jury of Trials next Court at Ipswich. The town chose William Foster and Ens.n Hazen Sythingmen for the year; also, Corporal Wood and John Stiles be chosen Surveyors; also, Jonathan Bixby and Samuel Foster be chosen Fenceviewers for the year ensuing." —

At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford the 11th of March 1700/1701.

The town voted, that the money disbursed upon the Committe that were employed by the town to state the place where our Meetinghouse stands, should be allowed; also, the cushion for the pulpit to be allowed; also, the money that Corporal Wood, Thomas Perley and Samuel Symonds disbursed in going to Cambridge for Mr. Shymmen, should be allowed by the town; also, the town voted, that the fifteen shillings that was paid for the gen and ropes to raise the Meetinghouse, should be allowed; also, that goodman Foster should have five shillings for carrying the ropes and blocks home again; also, voted that goodman Bridges should have eight shillings for the hangings of the Meetinghouse casements; also, voted to allow Lieut. Perley what

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cost he were at in providing for the Committee that stoted the place where the Meeting-house should stand; also, voted that the charges that was expended about the Committee that the Generel Court sent to view the line of Topsfield and Boxford and the two farms petitioned for by Boxford, should be allowed by the town

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At a lawful town-meeting, held in Boxford the 4th of April 1700 of 1701.

The town chose William Foster to be the Moderator for the day; also, the town voted to give to Mr. Thomas Symmes sixty pounds in money yearly for his Salary, in case that Mr. Symmes will be pleased to accept of our Invitation to be our Minister and to take Office among us; also, build him a house of forty eight long and twenty feet wide and two stories high and a back-room of sixteen or eighteen feet square, and to finish the house by the next October come twelvemonth, and as much sooner as conveniently we can; also, to find thirty five cords of wood by the year; also, to procure him ten acres of land as convenient as we can, not far from the Meetinghouse, which House and Land as above specified, we do give to Mr. Symmes and his heirs forever, provided that Mr. Symmes accept

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to come and be our Minister and to take Office among us, and the Selary to be paid so long as he shall dispense the word of God publickly among us in Boxford; also, voted that Mr. Thomas Symmes shall have the use of one half of the Parsonage ~~the~~ time he shall be our Minister in Boxford.

The town chose five men to discourse with Topsfield men concerning a divisional line betwixt Topsfield and Boxford, and to see how near we can come together, if it might be, to prevent further trouble. The names of the men we have chose to do this service is John Andrews, Sargeant Joseph Bixby, Corporal Thomas Perley and John Peabody.—

At this time, when the major part of the town voted to give to Mr. Symmes thirty five cords of wood yearly, by the year, then several men made objections against the allowing the wood to Mr. Symmes, and did at that time, enter their contrary dissent, because, said they, some men have not wood to dispose of; but if the town see good to make the selary so much the more as will come to the wood, we shall not decline from our share. ——

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At a Legal town meeting, held in Rowley the 21st of April 1701:

The town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley Moderator for the day; also, the town voted to lay a rate of fifty pounds, and to be paid by the first of Novr next ensuing, in silver, or short shingle or boards or nails or brick, or in procuring a Mason to build the chimneys, or in time as cheap as any of those things can be bought for in money, provided that all those that will procure any of the the things abovementioned, do come to the Committee that the town will choose to carry on the building and finishing of the House aforesaid for the Minister, within a month after the date hereof, and declare what they will provide - and if there be not a sufficiency of the several things above mentioned provided, within a month as above said, then the said Committee are thereby empowered and desired to provide what shall be wanting to finish the said Ministers House. And the town do hereby engage to pay them in money, every man his equal share as shall be laid in the fifty pound rate as aforesaid; and we the town do proceed to choose a Committee as

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follows — The Committee that the town have chosen for the overaight of the carrying on of the work of the Ministers house as aforesaid, their names be as followeth, Sargeant Thomas Andrews, Corporal Daniel Wood, Lieutenant Curtice, Sargeant Joseph Bixby, Joseph Hale, Jonathan Foster, Thomas Perley Junr and Corporal Joseph Peabody; also, these be to provide what is needful on the towns cost and charge for the House aboveseid. —

The town have voted to allow Mr. Thomas Symmes the use of the whole Parsonage farme during the time that he shall dispence the word of God among us, he leaving of it in good tenantable repair, or as good as he doth find it; also, the town chose Lieut. Perley, Sargeant Bixby and John Peabody to agree with Mr. Symmes about the manner of paying of his Salary and his wood.

At a lawful town-meeting, held in Boxford the 21st of April 1701. The town voted to record some proposals drawn up in some loose papers, which are directions for the Committee to walk by in building and finishing the Ministers house as followeth, that is to say, there shall

here below be the full sume and substance of what was in the papers aforesaid.

Propositions how to carry on the building and finishing of ye house for Mr. Thomas Symmes.

First, to make choise of five or seven men that are carpenters to be a Committee or undertakers to carry on the building and finishing the abovesaid House, which ~~Com~~mittee shall be allowed for their work by the Town, two shillings and six pence per day, every of them for every day that that they work at or about said House; also, that every man alike in the towne, shall have liberty to work out their proportion of the work part in building the said House - and every man shall be allowed for his labour, as much a day, as the Committee, or the major part of them do judge they do earn or deserve: and the Committee aforesaid shall keep a true and just account of his own work and time that he spends about carrying on the said House; also, of every other mans labor, being allowed as aforesaid - and the Committee aforesaid shall give the Selectmen or Trustees of the Town then in being, when the house is built and finished, the whole

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sum of what the work part doth amount to, so that it may be proportioned by a rate; and he that doth not do his part in work, shall pay it in such pay as shall answer the end in building or finishing of the house — and he that doth more shall be paid by the town; and the Committee aforesaid shall have full power to procure boards and nails, bricks and glass, and what else may be judged needful for the building and finishing of the said House at the towns cost and charge.

We whose names are under written, being chosen to agree with Mr. Symmes about the manner of paying him his salary yearly, and his wood — and accordingly, we went to Mr. Symmes and did agree with him to begin his year with us the 27th of April 1701; which was the last Sabbath in April; also, we did there agree to pay him fifteen pounds every quarter of the year, and his wood at two seasons in the year, one half to be brought to his house at or before the first of July, and the other half of his wood at or before the first January following yearly; also, we did agree to have a contribution once a month yearly, and what is there by the town given shall be put into papers and

and to be set off for part of his rate - we being chosen by the town of Boxford to do this service for the town: as appears on record - as witness our hands this 25th of April 1701.

John Peabody,
Thomas Perley,
Joseph Bixby.

At a legal town-meeting in Boxford the 16th of June 1701.

The town voted to send that answer to Mr. Symmes which Lieutenant Perley drew up, in answer to a desire that Mr. Thomas Symmes sent to the town to release him from the promise which he did make to be their Minister, or the encouragement that he had given the town for to be their Minister. Also, the town did vote to send to Mr. Jonathan Dansford, and to run the line, or measure from Ipswich Meetinghouse, three miles granted by the General Court to Ipswich, which is the bound between Topsfield and Boxford, by a grant from the General Court to Rowley, as attest John Peabody Clerk.

Accordingly the Selectmen sent John Stiles to invite Mr. Dansford to come to do the aboveaid service and accordingly Mr. Dansford and son

come, ~~and~~ did the aforesaid service, and were four days from their home, for which they received two pounds eight shillings of the Selectmen, namely, of Samuel Smith nine shillings, of Corporal Redington six shillings, and of Lieut. Perley and Clerk Sigmonds the rest of the money, Lieut. Perley's was fifteen shillings and Clerk Sigmonds paid twelve shillings and Sergeant Joseph Bixbey six shillings, which is the whole of the two pounds eight shillings. All this was paid beside expence which is set down in another place.

At a town-meeting held in Boxford the 24th of November 1701.

The town chose Ens.r Hazen Moderator for the day.

Also, the town chose John Peabody to be their Schoolmaster for the year ensuing. ———

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 10th of March 1701/2.

The town chose Lieut. Perley Moderator for the day.

Chose John Peabody Town Clerk for the year ensuing; also, chose Thomas Perley Jr.r Constable for the year ensuing— and the Selectmen he was followeth chosen for the year ensuing, Clerk Samuel.

Samuel Symonds, Corporal Daniel Wood Joseph Hale, John Andrews and John Stiles; also, to be Listers for the year ensuing; also, Ens.r Hazen is chosen Town-treasurer for the year ensuing- also, Sargeant Bixby and Josiah Bridges are chosen Scythingmen; also, Timothy Dorman is chosen to serve on the Grand Jury the year ensuing, and Ens.r Hazen is chosen to serve on the Jury of trials this next Court to be holden at Ipswich; also, Jonathan Foster and Joseph Peabody Jn.r are chosen Surveyors for the year ensuing; also, the Town chose Thomas Keeting-ton and John Brunwell Fenceviewers for the year ensuing; also, Ens.r John Perley and Sergeant Joseph Bixby and John Peabody are chosen a Committee to settle bounds between Broadford and Boxford, being hereby fully empowered by the Town for that service; also, to settle the northwesterly corner of Boxford bounds with Rowley Committee; also, chose Lieut. John Peabody Schoolmaster till another be chosen in his room.

Proposals how to procure ten acres of land for Mr. Thomas Symmes- the also, give to the

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Selectmen chosen for the ensuing year 1702 - to agree with the owners and proprietors, who own the land which lies between Abraham Buckingham's house and old Goodman Fowler's house and our Meetinghouse — and the town gives the Selectmen abovesaid, full power to agree with the owners of the said land, and to give them Bills for the payment of the said land; also, to take a deed of said land in the towns behalf, and to give Mr. Thomas Symmes a deed accordingly as the town has voted to him, in case he takes Office upon him to be our Minister — It is to be understood that the town oblige themselves to pay the money that shall be engaged by the Selectmen for the land aforesaid, whose names are as followeth, Samuel Symmes senior, Daniel Wood, Joseph Hale, John Andrews, John Stiles.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 27th of April 1702.

The town chose Joseph Peabody senior Moderator for the day; also, the town chose Lieut. Perley Representative for the year 1702.

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The Towne chose five men to be a Committee to meet with Hopefield to straiten the line from Lieutenant Perley's apple-tree in his field, to the heap of stones and a stake from the northeast corner of Mr. Baker's farm, so called, which lyeth in Boxford, and from thence to the dame or causeway over Housaky-meadow, and so to the fishing-brook as the rivulet ~~runs~~ runs into the fishing-brook, and so on the fishing brook runs into the River.

The Committee aforesaid have full power to settle with Hopefield according as the General Court have ordered it to be. And the names of this Committee be as followeth, Ens.r John Perley, John Andrews, John Farnes, Ephraim Curtice and John Peabody.

The Towne voted to give Mr. Symmes liberty to set up a pew in the east corner of the Meeting-house, for his Wife to set in on Sabbath days.

The towne voted that the Selectmen should lay a rate of nine pounds in money, to pay what is wanting to finish the Ministers House.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 19th of June 1702.

The town chose Ens.r John Perley Moderator for the day.

The town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley and John Peabody to answer Topsfield's petition at the General Court, when the Court will be pleased to grant Topsfield a hearing.

The town chose John Peabody, Sargeant Bixby and Joseph Hale, to draw up a request to the Honored General Court, that their may be a Committee of three men to come and see the line run according to the General Courts Grant, both to Ipswich and Rowley.

the 24th, 1702. At a meeting of the Committee chosen by Boxford to join with Bradford Selectmen to settle the line between the aboveseaid Towns, the names of Boxford Committee were Lieut. John Peabody, Ens.r John Perley and Sargeant Joseph Bixby; the names of Bradford Selectmen were Corporal Haseltion, Thomas Kimball and Samuel Jenny - they do agree that a pine-tree shall be the bound, standing upon Londaverline, and no

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to a Blackoak-tree marked standing on the southwest end of John Simmons' field; and then to a whiteoak-tree marked, standing neer the Country Road as it goes by the house which was John Pickard's deceased; and from thence to a white oak-tree marked with arrow, o k, and a **P.** with a heap of rocks about it.

John Peabody, Robert Hazeltine, Thomas Kimball, John Perley, Joseph Bixby, Samuel Jenny.

A true copy. as attest John Peabody Clerk for Boxford.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 21st of July 1702.

1st The towne agreed and voted, that Leut. Perley and John Peabody, which be chosen to answer Topsfields petition, shall have liberty to employ a man or two at the townes cost, to assist them in the management of the differences between Topsfield and Boxford, relating to Topsfields petition for another hearing at the General Court.

The towne chose Sargeant Joseph Bixby Moderator for this meeting.

2nd The towne have agreed and voted to allow eight score pounds toward this house built for the Minister— eighty pounds in silver money, and the

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other eighty pounds in pay, as money; and this House in lieu of the house that the town voted to build for Mr. Thomas Symmes.

Dated the 4th of April 1701.

2d The town agreed and voted, that the Select-men shall deliver this house now built for the Minister to Mr. Thomas Symmes, in lieu of the house the town voted to build for Mr. Symmes, on the condition, that it is now in with all that is agreed for to finish upon the said House condition the town voted to give it to Mr. Thomas Symmes.

At a town-meeting, held in Bradford the 16th of September 1702.

The town chose Zaccheus Curtice Moderator for the day; also, chose John Emmes Juryman for the next Court to be holden at Newbury.

At a lawful town-meeting, held in Bradford December the 15th, 1702.

The town chose Horzen Moderator for the day

The town chose fourteen men to take the care concerning and providing for the Fast and Ordaining of Mr. Symmes, and their names be as follows William Foster, Francis Perley, Lieut. Perley, and Clerk Symmes; also, the town voted to pay the charge in that affair.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 16th day of February 1702/3. The town chose William Foster Representative for the town of Boxford this Session or Sessions; also, John Andrews is chosen Moderator for the present meeting.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 21st of July 1702.

The town have agreed and voted, that the Selectmen shall deliver this House, now built for the Minister to Mr. Thomas Symmes, in lieu of the ~~house~~ the town voted to build for Mr. Symmes, in the consideration that it is now in with all that is agreed, for to finish said House upon the condition that the town voted to give it to Mr. Thomas Symmes.

We, whose names are under written do order Mr. Seimuel Symonds to deliver the House abovementioned to Mr. Thomas Symmes according to town vote. — Daniel Wood, John Andrews, John Stiles, Joseph Hale Selectmen of Boxford.

Boxford July 22nd, 1702. I then received possession of the House built for me in this

town.

Town, of Mr Samuel Symmonds, ordered to deliver it to me by the Selectmen according to the tenure of the town vote referring to said House passed July 21st, in the year aforesaid. —

I way received by me — Thomas Symmes.

The Selectmen of Boxford being met together the 25th of November 1702. to lay out Highways in the town of Boxford, and accordingly we have laid out a town Highway from Jacob Perley's land, as the path now leads from Jacob Perley's House to Thomas Hazen's house, and so on from the said Hazen's, as the path now is, to the west side of a hill by Daniel Wood's House; from thence to the west end of the said Wood's field, and on by the fence side to Andover road; from thence on a straight-line to the Widow Peabody's field, and so along by the fence side to the Widows Barn; thence on as the path now lieth to the Meetinghouse — this Road is not to exceed two rods in width. — Also, another Highway beginning at the open road that leadeth to Topsfield and layeth across the bridg- -es from Timothy Dorman's land to the north-

east—

northeast corner of Block's old Orchard; from thence on a straight line to the east end of a little hill in Block's field, which now belongs to John Andrews and Joseph Andrews; from thence along the old path over the hills, called Sangleys hills as the trees be now marked to the northerly ~~[illegible]~~ corner of Samuel Symonds land, and so on southerly to Samuel Symonds House, and so thence to a bridge over fishing brook; thence to a marked tree standing by the fence; then in the most convenient grouned to Ephraime Curtice's field, to two poplars marked; thence to the west side of the said Curtice's dwellinghouse, and so along by his fence as far as the southwest corner of his stone wall; thence along the cartway twelve rods; thence turning southwesterly to a cartway that goeth over the swamp, about twelve rods above the Causeway; thence along by the swamp as the marked trees lead to the old road; and then along the same road to the causeway over the inland meadows; thence to the house of

Samuel

Samuel Symonds Junr. the Selectmen of Boxford.

We witness our hands,

Samuel Symonds,
Daniel Wood,
Joseph Hale,
John Stiles.

The Selectmen, who laid out the Highway from Timothy Dorman's field to young Samuel Symonds' house; have, upon second thought and better considerations moving them thereto, have altered the aforesaid Highway, from a carthway to a horseway only, as attest. John Peabody, Town Clerk.

Also, from Jacob Perley's house to the Meetinghouse our Highway by Robert Stiles' house, shall be only a private horseway— and the Selectmen did also agree, that there shall be horse gates made in Ephraim Curtice's land in four places, if there be need of so many gates in his land at the towns cost; also, there shall be horse gates from Jacob Perley's house to Robert Stiles' house where there shall be need of ~~three~~ gates; also, upon the towns cost and charges, which we judge due recompence for the land.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 9th of March 1702/3.

The town chose Ens.n Thomas Hazen Moderator.

The town chose John Peabody Town Clerk for the year ensuing; also, Moses Tyler is chosen Constable for the year ensuing; also, the town have chosen five Selectmen, and their names be as followeth, John Peabody, Ens.n Thomas Hazen, Jonathan Foster, Samuel Symonds Jun.r and Timothy Dorman and to be Assessors; also, the town have chosen Richard Kimball and Timothy Foster fence viewers for the year ensuing; also, the town chose Abraham Redington and David Wood, they should be Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing; also, the town chose Corporal Kimball and Jonathan Bixby Tything-men for the year; also, the town chose Ens.n Thomas Hazen Town Treasurer for the year, also, Sargeant Bixby is chosen Grand-jury-man for the year ensuing; also, Jacob Perley is chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials next Court at Ipswich; also, Ebenezer Sherwin and Jeremy Perley shall be Field-drivers or Haywards for the year ensuing; also, the town have chose five men to seat persons in the

Meeting

Meetinghouse, and there names be as followeth, John Peabody, Lieut. Perley, Sergeant Bixby, John Lindrews and Jonathan Foster, and the town do leave these men to their own discretion and prudence in the matter; and those, who will not set in their seats, which those men shall appoint them, may justly be called breakers of good order, and have a fine laid on them that will not forwarder than they shall be seated.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 28th of April 1703.

The town chose Ephraim Curtice Moderator for the present meeting; also, the town have chose Joseph Andrews to be the Commissioner to join with the late Selectmen to take a true account of all ratable estate, Polls and securities; also, the town have voted to build our Pound, and to set it up between the Meetinghouse and Abraham Redington's house, where the Selectmen shall agree too for the use of the whole town at the towns cost; also, the town voted to pay John Andrews and Joseph Andrews twenty six shillings out of the town Treasury as soon as conveniently may be, and in so doing they do convent that there shall be gates set up through their land, where there is need of them; and if

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there be no damage done in their land in one years time, then these ways may stand longer.

The twenty six shillings afore voted to be paid to John and Joseph Andrews is accordingly paid to them by Constable Thomas Perley.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 11th of May 1703. The town chose Lieut. Perley Moderator for the present meeting; also, the town voted to set the Ministers wood at four shillings a cord in money, and if that will not pay there share of wood, must allow after that rate in money; also, the town voted that the present Selectmen, this present year 1703. shall call all the former Constables and Collectors to an account, how they have disposed of all the money laid in their years for to gather for the use of the town, such as have not already discharged what was their just due to do; also, the town have passed a vote, that they be satisfied with the bargain that the Committee made with the Indians, namely, Mascanomenets successors, Samuel English and Joseph English and John Umper the Grand children of Mascanomenet, Sagemore of Agawam; and by these presents do

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ratify the said bargaine by a unanimous vote;
also, to pay of the Towns money, two shillings by
the hundred, more or less as the Committee
have already proportioned it; also, voted their
expence of that which is done or will be paid for it by the town;
Town voted, that John Peabody and Josiah Bridges
shall be the Collectors, to gather the money of the persons
that live in the town, and of those out of the town that
have land in the town, of every one, his equal share; at
the rate of two shillings a hundred, and so proportionable
for more or less; also, the town voted to send Lieut.
Perley to the General Court this present year 1703. to
serve as a Representative for the town of Boxford,
in the Great and General Assembly.

Whereas, the town have chosen the Selectmen
for the year 1703. to call all the Constables and
Collectors, to give them an account of the money
ordered them to gather for the use of the town, in
their several years, which each man served, and
for what arrears are yet behind - the Town do fully
impower the said Selectmen to Issue out warrants to
the present Constable to make distress upon the Const-
ables and Collectors which were formerly in Boxford
for what money they have not gathered, which was
by law recoverable in their respective years; also,

also, for what money they have gathered, which is not improved for the use and benifit of the town, as it should have been done, they observing the directions of the Law in their proceedings in all such affairs which will bear them harmless.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 21st of June 1703.

The town chose Joseph Andrews Moderator for the day.

The towne have chosen five men whose names are as follows, Lieut. Perley, Zacheus Curtis, John Peabody, Ensn. Thomas Hazen, Jeremiah Endicott, who are a Committee fully empowered to agree, if they see cause, with a Committee chosen by Topsfield about the bounds between the towns; and if those Committees do not agree, then we do empower our Committee to join with Topsfield Committee, in the choice of a Committee to end the difference that is between Topsfield and Boxford relating to town bounds. The Committee, so chosen by the Committees of each towne, having fully power to decide the aforesaid difference, they taking the General Court Grant for their rule to judge by, in their determination of said difference; also, it is agreed and voted by the town of Boxford, that in case the

Committee

Committees of the two Towns aforesaid do agree to end the aforesaid difference among themselves, their award shall be a full end of said Difference as far as Boxford is concerned; and if they should not agree, and it be left to a Committee, chosen by the Committees of each town, the award of said Committee shall be a final end of this difference, so far as Boxford is concerned, ~~and if they should not~~ they taking the grants aforesaid for their direction in this matter; also, it is further voted, ~~by~~ the town of Boxford, that in case said Towns do not stand to, and abide by the award or determination of the aforesaid Committees or Committee chosen by them, then the town of Boxford do forfeit to the town of Topsfield the sum of thousand pounds; also, it is further voted, that in case our Committee shall enter into a thousand pounds bond to the town of Topsfield or their Committee, then the town of Boxford do agree to hold their own Committee chosen for the service aforesaid indemnified. The town of Topsfield did object against Zerubbabel Endicott, therefore the town of Boxford have chosen Ens.r Hovey in the room of Mr. Endicott.

Endicott for the aforesaid service at a legal town meeting held in Boxford the 22nd of February 1703/4. Also, the town passed a vote to allow sixteen ~~pounds~~ shilling, for the expence about the Fast and Ordination of Mr. Symmes— and Mr. Symmes is indebted to the town one pound two shillings of it; also, the town voted to allow Licut. Perley's bill, amounting to the sum of eleven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence; also, to allow what money they should spend, that shall go to the Governor to carry a petition to release our town from receiving After Carry, which otherwise our town must have done

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Reckoned with Zacheus Curtice as he was a Constable, and we find the town to be eight shillings in his debt upon the town rates— the eight shillings was for paying so much for Mr. Endicott in the rates; also, the selectmen for the year 1703. reckoned with Joseph Hale as he was the Constable, for the rates committed to him to gather in his year, and we find him to be six pounds fourteen shillings, in the towns debt, or there abouts.

At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford the 22nd of February 1703/4. The town chose Quartermaster Wood Moderator for the day. The town voted a bill for Lieutenant Perley amounting to eleven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence.

The Selectmen of Boxford made two Country rates, the 8th of October 1703. each rate amounting to the sum of sixty nine pounds five shillings to be paid to the Treasurer, and the over plus of the rate to Lieut. John Peabody; also, a Minister rate amounting to the sum of sixty pounds eight shillings; also, the Selectmen made a rate to pay some town charges amounting to the sum of thirty pounds, five shillings and six pence. Of this town rate, is to be paid to Lieut. Perley £11..5..0

To Lieut. Peabody the sum of —— 14..18..0

To Mr. William Foster the sum of —— 2..11..0

To Joseph Andrews the sum of —— 1..0..0

To John Andrews the sum of —— 0..7..0

Also, the ~~Selectmen~~ made a County rate the 8th of October 1703. amounting to the sum of five pounds three shillings and six pence. All those rates above specified were delivered to our Constables Moses Tyler, to gather them and

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to deliver the money ~~xxxxxx~~ to all the persons above named, to each man his just sum as is above specified

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At a lawful town meeting, held in Boxford March 14th 1703/4.

The town chose Lieut Perley, Moderator for the day.

The town chose Lieut John Peabody Town Clerk for the year 1704; also, the town chose John Andrews for the year ensuing to be their Constable; also the town chose Lieut Perley, Sargeant Bixby, Abraham Redington, Joseph Andrews and Josiah Bridges, Selectmen for the year ensuing and Assessors; also, Corporal Thimbell is chose Grand Jurymen for the year ensuing.

The town chose Lieut Andrews Curtice to serve on the Jury of Trials next Court; also, the town chose Thomas Jewett, Jonathan Foster and Samuel Symonds Junr to be Tything-men for the year ensuing; also, the town chose Moses Tyler, Corporal Peabody and John How Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing; also, the town chose Joseph Hale and Nathaniel Perley Fence-viewers for the year ensuing.

At a town-meeting held in Boxford the 16th of May 1704.
The town chose Lieut Perley Moderator for the day.
Also, chose Samuel Symonds senior to serve the year ensuing for a Representative.

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At a legal town meeting held in Boxford the 13th of March 1704/5. The town chose Ens.r Hazen Moderator for the present meeting; also, the town chose Lieut. John Peabody Town Clerk for the year ensuing; also, the town chose two Constables for the year ensuing, namely John Stiles and Jacob Perley - and the Selectmen be as followeth, Lieut. John Peabody, Joseph Peabody Jur. David Wood, Nathaniel Perley and Zacheus Curtice, and to be Assessors; also, Jonathan Foster is chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials next Court to be holden at Ipswich; also, Joseph Hale is chosen Grand Juryman this year; also, chose Corporal Kimball, Sargeant Perley, Timothy Foster Tyth-ingmen this year ensuing; also, Samuel Foster, David Peabody, Jeremiah Perley and Luke Hovey are chosen Surveyors of Highways the year ensuing; also, voted by the town that Ens.r Hazen shall be town Treasurer for the year ensuing; also, Thomas Jewett and Isaac Perley be chosen Fence viewers for the year ensuing; also, voted

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by the town to pay to Mr. Symmes eight pounds by the year; yearly, for seven years together, after the date hereof in good provision in lieu of the wood for Mr. Symmes, at money price — and to be paid by the last of November every year yearly till the seven years are expired; and then the vote for the wood to take place again as before.

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At a meeting of the town of Boxford by an adjournment from the 13th of March 1704/5 to the 3d of April 1705. and then met, and the Moderator not being at the meeting, the Constable Stiles did carry on the work of the day by putting things to vote — and first the town voted to allow twenty shillings this year 1705 to the man who shall keep the key of the Meeting-house, and open and shut the doors on all public meetings in suitable time — and to sweep the Meetinghouse as often as there is occasion; also, the town chose Lieut. John Peabody to be a School master for this year; also, chose Richard Kimball and Robert Stiles to be Haywards this year ensuing.

At a legeal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 30th of October 1705.

The town chose Quartermaster Wood Moderator for the present meeting, and by reason of our not agreeing to act town business- we have adjourned the meeting to the first thursday in November next at 3 O'clock afternoon.

At a legeal town meeting, held in Boxford the 5th of January 1705/6.

1st- The town chose Joseph Hale Moderator for the present meeting; also, the town voted to send these following proposals to Topsfield to invite them to join with us in agreeing to choose a Committee to end our long difference if they please.

Boxford February 5th 1705/6. From the town of Boxford, to the town of Topsfield, Gentlemen,

Some time since we sent to your selectmen to desire them to come and perambulize with us upon the line between our towns, and they sent us word that they did not account there was any line settled to perambulize upon; but were willing to join with us in settling a line if we could contrive any rational way for that end- wherefore we have thought it

convenient

convenient to make you this offer, that, if you see cause to join with us in choosing a Committee of suitable persons to do that work for us, we are freely willing to join with you, and we pray, that you will make us a return, whether you will take up with these offers, and we think it rational and Christian like; or if you can make us a better offer, we hope we shall not be backward to accept of any rational proposals to end our difference in love; also, voted by the town to build a house for the poor of the town, and to set it upon that parcel of land devoted for the use of the town, where our Meetinghouse doth stand - and the dimensions of the House aforesaid is as follows, it is to be thirty feet in length and fourteen feet in breadth and six feet stud, with a convenient cellar under one end of it; also, the town have chosen three men to agree with some man or men of our town to build and finish this abovesaid House and cellar according to the sound discretion of those three men under named, upon the towns cost and charge.

The names of this Committee for this service, are Thomas Jewett, Jacob Perley and David Peabody - and this work is to be done by the last of June next ensuing.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 21th of February 1705/6.

The town chose Corporal Thomas Andrews Moderator for the present meeting; also, the town did allow several bills of charge for money expenses for the towne service. To Mr. Endicott for money laid out at Boston and Cambridge for the towne £2.12.0

To John Eames for money expended at Cambridge 0.17.0

To John Giles for keeping the key and sweeping the Meetinghouse 1.0.0

To Thomas Redington for sweeping the Meetinghouse 1.0.0

Also, the town did allow John Peabody all that said Peabody read in the town-meetings, being set down in said Peabody's own book of accompts, except six shillings that he saith he delivered to John Eames, but said Eames denieth him and will not own it; also, to William Fowler it was allowed for sweeping the Meetinghouse one year —— £1.0.0

Also, to Joseph Peabody it was allowed for sweeping the Meetinghouse one year 1.0.0

also, the town chose Ens. Herzen, Sargeant Bixby and Jerubbabel Endicott to view a piece of land that John Wood desired of the town lying in the eastwardly corner of the Parsonage Farm, and to make return to the town what they did esteem said land to be worth.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 12th day of March 1795.

The town chose Lieut. Perley Moderator for the present meeting; also, Timothy Dorman is chose Constable for the year ensuing, for the southside of the town; also, Job Tyler is chose Constable for the northside of the town for the year ensuing; also, John Peabody is chose Town Clerk for the year ensuing; also, Enos Hazen is chosen Selectman for the year 1796. and Assessor; also, David Wood, Richard Thimball, Samuel Symonds senior and Jonathan Bixby be chosen Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing; also, the town chose Thomas Jewett for a Grand Juryman for the year ensuing; also, Enos Hazen is chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensuing; also, John Stiles and Luke Hovey are chosen Tythingmen for the year 1796. Also, Nathaniel Peabody and Francis Elliot and Robert Stiles be chosen Surveyors for 1796. also, Jeremiah Perley and John Wood are chosen Fenceviewers for the year 1796. also, David Peabody is chose to serve on the Jury of Trials at next Court at Ipswich; also, the town voted to give George Bixby twenty shillings this year 1796. to keep the key of

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the Meetinghouse and to sweep it and open and shut the doors, and to lay it in the first rate; also, voted by the town that there be a Committee chosen to make enquiry whether there is no land laying convenient for the use of the Ministry, that may be exchanged by the town for the whole, or a part of the Parsonage, which Committee shall forthwith engage in that affair, and make their report of there doings to the town as soon as may be; also, they shall make enquiry whether there be any land convenient for that end to be sold, and make report to the town of their doings therein; also, voted by the town, that part of, or the whole Parsonage Farm shall be exchanged for some land in some other place conveniently for the use of the Ministry, if an opportunity presents that the town shall approve of.

The town chose three men to be a Committee to make enquiry, whether there be any land to be exchanged for all, or part of the Parsonage, or to be sold for the use of the Ministry, if none can be exchanged; also, whether, as Topsfield have intimated to us, that they have chose a Committee to agree if it be possible with a Committee chosen by our town about a dividing line between our towns, we, in answer to them have chosen Lieutenant Peabody, Ens.n Hazen and John Eames to be a Committee to meet with Topsfield Committee aforesaid and

and do give them full power to agree with them in the matter aforesaid if it be possible, and we give them full power to join with them in any other method for ending that difference, if they see cause - and we oblige ourselves to stand too, and abide by whatever they shall do in that matter; also, the town chose Lieut. John Peabody School-master for the year ensuing.

John Wood of Rexford aforesaid, proposed to the town at a town meeting held February the 26th, 1706. to have a small parcel of land lying at the south-east corner of the Parsonage Farm granted to him, offering the town what it should be rationally valued at - in answer to the said Wood's request, the town did, at the meeting aforesaid, make choice of three men whose names be hereunto subscribed, to take a survey of the land proposed for by the said Wood, and to pass a valuation on said Land and make return to the town aforesaid, and accordingly we have been upon the land and have viewed said land and measured it, and there is three acres of it - and bounded as followeth, beginning at a walnut-tree between between Jacob Perley's land and said Wood's land,

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from thence on a straight line to a stump standing in the corner of a fence by the Widow Peabody's meadow, so the meadow being the bounds till it comes to the abovesaid Wood's land— and so the road being the bounds till it comes to the first mentioned bound tree. The land being valued at two pounds ten shillings in money by us on the fifth day of March 1706. Joseph Bixby.
Thomas Hazen,
Zerubbabel Endicott.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 12th of March 1706.

The town accepted the return of the Committee which were chosen by the town at a town meeting held February the 26th 1706. to take a survey of the land which John Wood desired to purchase— their names are as followeth, Joseph Bixby, Thomas Hazen and Zerubbabel Endicott. The town then passed a vote, that John Wood should have the land which he wished to purchase, being about three acres, and bounded as in the Committees return, the said John Wood paying twenty shillings an acre for said land— the said John Wood to be possessed of said Land upon the payment of said money.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 20th of September 1706.

The town Sargeant Thomas Andrews Moderator for the meeting. The town chose John ~~xxx~~ Eames to serve on the Jury of Trials the next Court at Newbury.

At a legal town meeting held in Boxford the 11th of October 1706.

The town chose Sargeant Bixby Moderator for the present meeting; also, voted that the Inhabitants of our town, living on the southwest side of Beach-brook, should mend all the Highways from time to time, from Salem bounds to Joseph Peabody's house, the said Peabody and Bray Wilkins to help them - and so long as they keep them in good repair to be freed from any other highway work in the town; also, the town voted to give Mr. Symmes the three pounds and a crown, which John Wood was to give the town for the land he had of the town in the Parsonage Farm; also, that John Wood shall deliver the three pounds and a crown to Mr. Symmes for his use as the Parsonage-farm. It voted for his use and improvement during the time he is our Minister.

At a Legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 13th of November 1706.

1st The town chose Mr. Samuel Symonds Moderator.

2nd Chose Lieut. Perley, Sergeant Bixby and Corporal Abraham Redington to be a Committee to reckon with all persons that the town are indebted to; and what return this Committee shall make to the present Selectmen of the several sums due to every man that has done service for the town, shall be warrantable for the said Selectmen to lay in a rate for the town to pay— and all persons, who are concerned are desired to reckon with the Committee.

3d The town voted, that Corporal Abraham Redington shall forthwith demand the town rate of Corporal John Andrews and Constable for 1704. that was made by the Selectmen of Boxford in the year 1704. and delivered to said Constable John Andrews to gather. And if the abovesaid John Andrews doth neglect or refuse to deliver the abovesaid money laid in the town rate as abovesaid by the Selectmen, that then the abovesaid Abraham Redington, as he is chosen to be the receiver of the town rate, shall use all lawful means to obtain the money into

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his own hands, that so he may be capable to deliver every mans proper right to them as was intended by the Selectmen that then made the rate for that end, which we hope, may prevent complaints and suits at Law, and that no man may be abused and kept out of his money by the neglect of any.

4th The town voted to bear the said Abraham Hedington harmeless and undamnified in his prosecuting this business aboveseid, he using those methods in his proceeding as the Law directs in such cases; also, the town voted to allow him an Attorney at the towns cost in the prosecuting of the trust reposed in him and called for at his hands.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 15th of March 1706/7.

The town chose John Peabody Town Clerk for the yeear ensuing; also, Jonathan Foster is chosen Constable for this yeear, for the northside of the of the town; also, Samuel Symonds Jus. is chosen Constable for this yeear, for the southside of the town; also, the Selectmen for this yeear 1707 John Peabody, Sargeant Perley, Joseph Hale, Samuel Foster and Thomas Wilkins be chosen

Selectmen

Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing. also, Ensign Hazen is chosen Grandjury man for the year ensuing; also, Lieut. Perley is chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials next Court at Ipswich. also, Quartermaster Wood and Timothy Foster be chosen Tythingmen for the year ensuing; also, Cornelius Brown, John Symonds and Josiah White be chosen Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing; also, Abraham Redington and Samuel Fisk be chosen Fenceviewers for the year ensuing; also, the town chose a Committee of five men to exchange so much of the Parsonage with Robert Stiles for his living to accommodate the ministry, as the Committee chosen by the town shall agree with said Stiles, in case of compliance The Committee chosen to agree with Robert Stiles, in case of complying- There names be as followeth, John Peabody, Ens^n Hazen, Joseph Hale, Moses Tyler and John Eames.-

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At a lawful town-meeting, held in Boxford the 9th of April 1707.

The town chose Lieut. Perley Moderator for the meeting

The town voted, that John Andrews Constable,

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should not gather any more rates of Benjamin Stacy and John Nelson, than he at that time gathered.

The town voted, that Moses Tyler Constable, should not gather any more rates of John Nelson than he had then gathered.

The town voted and agreed with Abraham Reddington to let Mr. Symmes have three acres of land in the great-field for six years, for six shillings a year, and the said Reddington is to keep a good fence about it the whole six years abovesaid.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 7th of May 1767.

1st The town chose Sergeant Thomas Andrews Moderator for the present meeting.

2nd The town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley to be our Representative for the year ensuing.

Voted by the town, that Lieut. Perley and Lieut. Peabody be chosen and impowered by the town of Boxford, to use all lawful methods that they think proper in managing the case between Topsfield and Boxford at the Great and General Court, and to answer Topsfield petition about the two Farms which Topsfield petitioned the General Court for, and to answer Topsfield in any further objection or challenge they make in reference to the bounds between each town.

voted.

Voted, that all the cost and charges which the said Perley and Peabody shall be at, in manageing of the case between Topsfield and Boxford, shall be at the town cost and charge: also, the town chose five men to agree with Sargeant Thomas Andrews, if they can, where the Highway shall go through his land, and to make return to the town of their doings herein.- The men that be chosen for this service be William Foster Senior, Samuel Symmonds Senior, Corporal Joseph Peabody, Corporal Abraham Redington, Corporal Timothy Dorman. - -

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 2nd of September 1767.

The town chose Lieut. Perley Moderator for the present meeting.

Voted that Mr. Symmes invite Mr. Pearson, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Capen, Mr. Rea, to come and be helpfull to the town, Church and Mr. Symmes in manageing the matter Mr. Symmes made to the Church and town concerning his removing from the town to dwell in Bradford; also, the town chose Lieut. Perley, Samuel Symmonds senior, and Sargeant Kimbey, to hear and answer to what Mr. Symmes may say before those Gentlemen as reasons, why he hath desired to leave the Town to dwell at Bradford; also, chose Nathaniel Peabody to serve as Jurymen at Newbury Court next. 11.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 9th day of December 1707.

The town chose Lieut. John Peabody Moderator; also, chose a Committee of four men to agree with some men or more if they come in procuring six or eight acres of land for a pasture for the use of the Ministry in Boxford, as near to Mr. Symmes' house as they with conveniency can; also, to bargain with the man or men what the town shall give for it, and how long a time for payment; and if they cannot buy land, then to hire some land for the aforesaid use, and to agree how long the town shall have it, and what to give by the year for the use of it, and so to make report to the town the next town meeting, of their doings herein; the town reserving liberty to break their bargain, if the town see cause; if not, then the bargain to stand.— The names of this Committee be Lieut. Perley, Sargeant Kirby, John Symmes and John Peabody.

At an adjournment of this town-meeting above specified, to the 11th of January 1707/8. and then the town met and voted to hire nine acres of land for seven years of Abraham Redington Esq. and of Samuel Fiske and of John Fiske for the use of the Ministry in Boxford— this nine acres of land lieth in the eastwardly end of their old field; also, the town voted to give them eighteen shillings by the year, yearly for the use of the nine acres of land above specified.

At a legal town-meeting holden in Boxford the 11th of February 1760.

The town chose Lieut. John Peabody Moderator for the meeting; also, voted by the town to allow six pounds in, or as money toward fencing a pasture for the Minister in Boxford— and it is voted that all persons in the town that will bring either posts and rails or both, shall be allowed at the rate of twelve shillings a hundred for good and merchantable rails well sharped, and four shillings a score for four hole posts ready sharped, good and made of white or black oak timber, and to give an account what they will bring to Corporal Redington and Samuel Fiske, by the next March meeting, who are chosen to take an account of what is brought, and to value them if not good and merchantable.

At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford the 9th of March 1760.

The town chose Ens.n Hazen Moderator for the present meeting; also, chose Lieut. John Peabody Town Clerk for the year ensuing; also, John Chadwick is chosen Constable for the year ensuing on the north side of the town; also, Richard Hamblet is chosen Constable for the year ensuing on the south side of the town; also, the town chose five Selectmen which are also Assessors, chosen by the town for the year ensuing, and their names be as follows, Ens.n Hazen, Corporal Abraham Redington, Lieut.n Thomas

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Curtice, Luke Hovey and Corporal Jacob Perley; also the town have chose the abovesaid Selectmen to be Assessors for to take a true account of the estate of the town in pursuance of an Order of the General Court for such a service to be done; also, have chosen Lieut. John Peabody to be the Commissioner to carry down the estate of the town to Salem, as the order requires one to meet their; also, chose Corporal Joseph Peabody a Grand Juryman for the year ensuing; also, have chosen John Eames and Jeremiah Perley to serve on the Jury of Trials next Court at Ipswich; also, Jonathan Bixby and Moses Tyler be chosen Tything-men for the year ensuing; also, chose Samuel Foster, John How and John Wood Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing; also, have chose John Stiles and Samuel Fiske Fence viewers for the year ensuing; also, have chose Clerk Joseph Hale Town Treasurer for the year ensuing; also, the town have chose Lieut. John Peabody to be their school-master for the year ensuing and till another be chosen in his room; also the town have voted to give free liberty to our Reverend Pastor Mr. Thomas Symmes to let the parsonage farm for the

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term of eighteen years, the Selectmen joining with him in taking a Lease of the said Farm - it is to be understood, that if our Reverend Pastor shall be removed by death or otherwise, that the rent of said Farm is to be returned to the town of Boxford.

Some time in December 1707. upon complaint made to the Selectmen of Boxford for want of a convenient Highway from Ipswich River to Francis Elliot's land along in Andover old highway to Salem, and so to accomodate all persons who shall have occasion to use the highway for carting or otherwise without being interrupted, or turned into hilly rocky ground; the Selectmen then in being, laid out a Highway from Ipswich River near to the old highway, from said River to Andover, as near to the hilly ground as can be laid with convenience, till it comes to the north side of Nathaniel Curtice's House, and so along to the north corner of Francis Elliot's rail fence where there is a cleft rock within four rods of said Rail fence, and so along in the old way toward Andover; also, the Selectmen laid a way from said Averell's house to Francis Elliots House along by the fence on the left hand over the swampy land to said Elliot's land - as witness our hands.

John Peabody } Selectmen
in the name of the } of Boxford.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 21st of May 1700.

1st The town chose Clerk Joseph Hale Moderator for the present meeting.

2nd The town chose Lieutenant Curtice for a Collector to gather up all the arrears of rates which are yet behind in the town of Boxford, not gathered by the Constables that were intrusted to gather them; and the town doth hereby impower him to use lawful means to recover them; also, the town doth order him to deliver the money to Lieut. John Peabody.

3d The town voted, that the following information, or declaration should be recorded, that so there may not be any misunderstanding of our reasons, why our Minister and we do part, one from the other, if it should be so.

These may certify, whom they may concern that, whereas our Reverend Pastor, Mr. Thomas Symmes, after a very considerable time of trial, and we conclude much consideration and advice, does, as we understand, yet remain under uncomfortable circumstances, and uneasy in his continuance on that account, being apprehensive that he might be more comfortable and serviceable in some other place than with us, and we being sensible, after all that we can at present do, for him to accomodate him, that we cannot do what

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he made as some other places may do; not that we have any dislike of his person, ministry or conversation; but should be heartily glad if we might ~~xxxx xxxxx~~ injoy his labors; but unwilling to keep him always in trouble and uncomfortable - we have, the most of us, in real love and good will toward him, lovingly agreed, that we will no longer oppose his removal; but give way to it and say the will of the Lord be done, in case the reverend Elders meet together at Newbury sometime in the beginning of June next 1720. or the major part of them do advise us to dismiss him from his pastoral obligations to us - and in case our Reverend Pastor, Mr. Thomas Symmes will release to the town of Bradford, all that they have done for him by way of settlement, and also, what he hath laid out in finishing of his House and give them what instrument they shall think proper to secure it to them from him or any others from, by or under him having claim thereto - and if it be so, we heartily wish him well, and thank him for his labors among us, and pray God to bless him and his and make them blessings: and do hereby recommend him to the Christian fellowship and communion of whatever Church and people he may settle with.

At a town-meeting, held in Boxford June the 9th 1708. by adjournment from May 21st, 1708.

The town consented by a vote, to our Reverend Pastor Mr. Thomas Symmes' removal upon the conditions expressed in the vote of the town and Church together, refering to that case passed at a town-meeting on May the 21st aforesaid, said Vote being allowed and approved of by the Reverend Elders met at Newbury June the 8th 1708.

A true copy of the town vote as attest

Joseph Hale Clerk for the meeting.

Boxford May 21st 1708. The Church met to consider and determine what to do as to Mr. Symmes' desire of a dismission from his pastoral obligations to them, and after a considerable agitation about that affair, they at length unanimously agreed, no man dissenting, to join with the town in the management of it, whereupon the meeting was dismissed and they acted accordingly.

As attest Thomas Symmes Pastor of said Church.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 21st of June 1708.

The town chose Samuel Symonds Moderator and Ens.n Hezen chose Clerk for the meeting.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford June 25th 1700.

The town chose Sergeant Kirby Moderator; also, the town voted that they did accept of the Deed that Mr. Symmes gave the town, of the House and land which the town gave him for his settlement in Boxford, it being the fulfilling of the condition relating to Mr. Symmes, his removing from Boxford as is mentioned in a vote passed at a town-meeting held on the 21st of May 1700.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 21st of June 1700.

1st The town chose Ensigne Wazen Clerk for the present meeting.

2nd The town voted to invite Mr. John Rogers of Salem to preach for us four Sabbath days after the date hereof; also, voted that Deacon Perley and Sergeant Kirby shall invite Mr. John Rogers, and agree with him and how to pay him — and according to the vote of the town, we the above said Perley and Kirby have agreed with Mr. John Rogers to preach with us four sabbath days after the date hereof; also, we did, in behalf of the town, promise to give Mr. John Rogers four pounds in money for the month we have agreed for with him — as witness our hands to the return of our service in this matter.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 12th of July 1708.

The town chose Sargeant Bixby Moderator for the meeting; also, voted to invite Mr. John Rogers to dispence the word of God amongst us for one quarter of a year after the month be out that we have hired him for; also, to allow him twenty shillings a week for the quarter above mentioned and to pay him at the end of the time for the above said Quarter of the year; also, the town voted to impower the Selectmen to make a rate of fifty two pounds to be improved to maintain the public worship of God among us, and to pay it quarterly; also, to impower the Selectmen to procure a glass for the pulpit.

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The Selectmen of Boxford, in the year 1708. laid out a way from Joseph Eames' land, through part of John Eames' land till it comes to about fifteen rods from the fence, and then as the trees are marked on the north side till it comes to the corner of James Black's land, and from said Black's House to meet there, thence through Jeremy Perley's land, trees marked on the north till they come over the Brook upon the plain, thence upon the north of Isaac Cummings' land till it comes to the road which leads from Nathaniel Peabody's.

It is to be understood, the way is laid out from Joseph Eames' House.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 5th of
The town chose Sargeant Bixby Moderator for the
present meeting; also, have hired four acres of land
of Corporal Abraham Redington for the space of
twenty years, and to give him eight shillings a
year, and not to the minister rate or town rate.
The town voted to call a minister, in order to a set-
tlement with us; also, the town have chosen the
Selectmen to receive the Ministry house according
to the Deed or instrument the town have received of
Mr Symmes; also, the town voted to call Mr John
Rogers to be their settled Minister; also, the town
chose five men to treat with Mr John Rogers of
Salem in order to Settlement with us, to be our
Minister — and there names be as followeth,
Lieut: Perley, & Col Mr Symmonds, Corporal Abraham
Redington, Sargeant Joseph Bixby and John
Eames; also, the men abovenamed be to make
report to the town of the answer they have from
him in respect of the matter abovesaid. —

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the
22nd of October 1700.

1st Chose John Eames Moderator for the meeting.

2nd Voted Thomas Hazen Clerk in Lieutenant Peabody
room or absence.

3d The town voted there concurrence with the vote of
the Church in calling Mr John Rogers to be their
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settled Minister.

4th The town voted to give Mr Rogers, for the present year, from the time he began his quarter, till the year be out, fifty two pounds in money- and yearly after for his settled Salary, sixty pounds, two thirds in money, and the other third in corn at money price, together with the income of the Parsonage farm and that four acres of land which was hired of Abraham Redington- this so long as Mr Rogers continues our settled Minister, except said four acres, when the lease is out.

5th The town voted to give the House and land, all of them which was given to Mr Symmes, which said Symmes returned to the towne, to Mr Rogers and his heirs forever, except the town see cause to pay to Mr Rogers' successors, at Mr Rogers' decease, one hundred and twenty pounds money, then the House and land to return to the town again.

At a town-meeting, held in Charlestown by an adjournment from the 22nd of October 1700. to the 20th of October 1700.

1st The town voted Abraham Redington, John Eames and David Wood a Committee to make up accompts with Mr Symmes.

2nd The town voted a Committee to agree and bargain with

with some man or men, to build two galeries in the Meetinghouse with stairs convenient to them — and the mens names of the Committee are, Deacon Perley, John Andrews and Joseph Hale; also, those galeries to be built at the towns cost and charges, and to be finished as soon as they can conveniently be, and the town voted to pay for the building of the galeries, at the first day of March ensuing the date hereof, provided the galeries be then finished.

3d. The town voted their acceptance of Mr. Rogers' answer, which is to be put on record return.

4th. The town voted to Samuel Fiske's hire land again, and to pay him six shillings.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 7th of January 1708/9.

The town chose Sargeant Bixby Moderator for the present meeting.

The town chose these present Selectmen to deliver the House and land to Mr. Rogers, that Mr. Symmes released to the town, upon the condition that the town gave said House and land to Mr. Rogers; also, the town voted that Mr. Joseph Hale should provide for the Ministers entertainment on the day appointed for Fast, and to pay him for it.

"In answer to the town vote, bearing date the 5th of January 1700/1.

"We have delivered to Mr. Rogers, the House and land which the towne voted for him, this first day of February 1700/1.

"In witness our hands.

Lacheus Curtice,
Thomas Hazen,
Jacob Perley,
} Select-men for said year.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 1st of March 1700/1.

The town Lieut. Perley, Moderator for the present meeting.

The towne voted, that if any of the men that live in the south side of the towne of Boxford, will be at the cost to fetch the new pound that stands by Clerk Wales's house, and set it up between Corporal Abraham Redington's house, and Samuel Foster's house, in some convenient place, they that shall fetch the said Pound, shall bear the damage they may do to it by moving of said Pound.

At a legal towne meeting, held in Boxford the 5th of March 1700/1. The towne chose Sargeant Bixby Moderator for the present meeting; also, chose Lieut. Peabody Town Clerk for the yeer ensuing; also, chose Dauid Peabody Constable for the south side of the town for this yeer.

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also, chose Josiah Bridges Constable for the north side of the town the year ensuing- and the Selectmen be as followeth, Lieut. Perley, Corporal John Andrews, Sergeant Bixby, Luke Hovey, Samuel Fiske be chosen Assessors as well as Selectmen.

Our Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing their names be as followeth, Ebenezer Thorwin, Isaac Perley, Jacob Smith and Daniel Kenney; also, the Hything-men be as followeth, Thomas Jewett, John Wood, Samuel Foster; also, Moses Tyler is chosen Grandjury-man for the year ensuing at Ipswich; also, Capt. John Tyler is chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials next Court; also, Ens.r Hazen is chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensuing: also, the town chose four Hogwards or Pound-drivers, to look after horses and Swine that go at large on the Common contrary to the directions of the Law, and their names be as followeth, Joseph Peabody Jn.r and Thomas Wilkins for the South side, and James Black and Joseph Barnes for the North side of the town; also, chose George Bixby and Robert Stiles Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

Voted, that the Stairs for the Womens gallery shall go up from the south door.

Voted to allow John Barnes thirty shillings for

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the Pew that was Mr. Symmes' - and do vote that David Wood shall pay said John Eames the thirty shillings above specified, for hay the said Wood had of Edmund for rent of the Parsonage Farm; also, voted that Samuel Foster shall sweep the Meetinghouse for one year. Voted, that Samuel Symonds shall remove the pew by taking of it for the stair way.

At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford the 30th of March 1789.

The town chose Ens.n Hazen Moderator for the present meeting; also, the town voted to invite in Mr. Noyes of Salem, Mr. Garish of Wenham, Mr. Capon of Topsfield and Mr. Rogers of Ipswich, the Ministers to be helpful to our Church and town in keeping a Fast to seek to the Lord for a blessing upon our calling and Ordaining of Mr. John Rogers to be our Pastor; also, to be helpful in the Ordination, to carry on the work of the day amongst us: the day for the Fast above said is to be the second Wednesday in May next, and the Ordination to be the third Wednesday in the same month; also, voted to send for messengers to come on the Ordination

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day to assist the Ministers in the carrying on the work of the day; the Messengers are to be sent for to come with the Ministers. Lieut. Perley and Mr. Symonds Senior be chosen to invite the Ministers and Messengers to come for the service abovesaid.

The town chose some men to seat the Meetinghouse and their names be as followeth Mr. Samuel Symonds senior, Sargeant Bixby, Lacchous Curtice Thomas Jewett, Jonathan Foster and Corporal Abraham Redington.

At a town-meeting held in Boxford the 26 of April 1709. upon adjournment from the 30th of March 1709. to this time.

The town voted there shall be another seat made between the Womens-seats and the stairs, moving two of the old seats something forward.

Chose Lieut. Perley to serve a Representative this year 1709. The town not having time to do what was to be done, the town did adjourn the town-meeting from the 26th of April 1709. to the eleventh of May 1709. and then the town did adjourn the town-meeting to the last day of May 1709.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 11th of July 1709.

1st The town chose Quartermaster Wood Moderator for the present meeting.

2nd The town voted that the present Selectmen shall be a Committee to take a Deed of the proprietors, of the land that the town gave to Mr. Symmes, which Land Mr. Symmes surrendered up to the town again - and this Committee are to take a deed for the town, and are to act for the town, and in the towns behalf; also, voted to allow Mr. Samuel Symonds sixteen pounds for the two new galeries; also, by a vote, chose five men to be a Committee to reckon and agree with Topsfield concerning the arrear they charge the town of Boxford to be indebted to the town of Topsfield, in not paying their due proportion to the Ministry in Topsfield - and the names of the Committee that the town chose, to treat with Topsfield are as followeth, Lieut. Perley, Ensn. Hazen, Sargeant Bixby, old Mr. Samuel Symonds and John Peabody.

Also, the town agreed, that if those men whose wives did set in the pew, made for the Ministers wife

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that thosemen should have the old pew that the town bought of John Eames, and set it up in the north corner of the Meetinghouse adjoining to the Ministers wifes pew and so to set in it, all that did set in the pew the town bought.-

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The Church and town of Boxford, sendeth to the town and Church of Topsfield Greeting.

Brethren and Neighbours, we think it a little unchristian like dealing, that there are so many scandalous reports in our neighbour towns, that our neighbour ministers make it a reason why they will not come to Ordain our minister, when if our town ~~were~~ indebted to you, and neglected or refused to pay, you might have made use of the sole Law; and if our Church were indebted to you, then we think they should have been disciplined according to the order of Churches. Now, brethren and neighbours, since it is our duty to follow peace with men and, considering the gracious promises made to peacemakers, we make you the following proposals.

1st If you assert, that our town is indebted to you, by a rule of righteousness, and yet not legally to be recovered, we therefore pray you to leave the matter to ~~xxxxxxxx~~ a Committee of unbiased men, two of them chosen by yourselves, and two of them

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chosen by us, they choosing a fifth all of them not belonging to Topsfield or Boxford.

1st If you will choose a Committee in your town, to join with a Committee chosen in our town to inform the abovesaid Committee what has passed between us and you relating to the Ministry of Topsfield, both before and since we were a town.

2nd Said Committee to be informed how Topsfield Representative made complaint to the General Court that our town lived at loose ends and had no Minister and came to their meeting and troubled them and payed, but they to pay, by. that means our town was doomed three pounds to a single country rate; two pounds taken off Topsfield, one pound taken off Andover, and laid on our town, that being doubled several times made us pay many pounds, which we think, by a rule of righteousness might be cut set in this matter of debt which you demand if it appear to be a debt.

3d That if our Church are indebted to your Church in your esteem, we desire that might be left to said Committee.

4th That if you will bind yourselves in a Bond of fifty pounds to stand by the award of said

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Committee, chosen as above provided, if they bring you into our debt, that ~~ther~~ we will bind ourselves in the like Bond although we fall in your debt, as a Town or a Church.

Boxford July the 11th, 1709.

We have chosen our Committee and fully impowered them to act in this affair- and their names are as followeth, Lieut: John Peabody, Lieut Thomas Perley, Mr. Samuel Symonds, Ens.r Thomas Hazen and Sergeant Joseph Kirby.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 10th of September 1709.

The town chose Mr. Samuel Symonds Moderator for the day.

Voted to give the man that will provide for the Ordination of Mr. John Rogers, the sum of ten pounds in, or as money; also, chose Quarter-master Wood to serve on the Jury of Trials next Court at Newbury.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 11th of March 1709/10.

The town chose Lieut. John Peabody Town Clerk for the ~~annual meeting~~ year ensuing; also, chose Francis Elliot Constable for the South side of the town this year; also, chose Nathaniel Peabody Constable

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for the North side of the Town this year, and the Selectmen be as followeth, Samuel Symonds Senior, Thomas Jewett, Jonathan Foster, Daniel Kenney and Samuel Fiske be chosen Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

Chose Corporal Brown Grandjuryman for the year ensuing; also, chose John Eames to serve on the Jury of Trials next Court at Ipswich- and the Scythingmen be as followeth, Isaac Perley, Joseph Peabody Senior and George Kimby; also, the Surveyors of Highways be Jeremiah Perley, Job Tyler, Richard Kimball Samuel Symonds Junr and Henry Wilkins to serve for the year ensuing; also, Field-drivers be as followeth, John Chadwick, Nathan Eames John Fiske and Nathan Peabody be chosen Field drivers for the year ensuing; also, Samuel Foster and Ephraim Dorman be chosen Fence viewers the year ensuing.

Quarter meister Wood was chosen Moderator for the day above said, whereon chose the Towne Officers for this year ensuing; also, the town chose a Committee of three men to agree

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with Jacob Perley, in changing with him for the five acres of land which said Perley bought of John Buzwell, for as much of the Parsonage land as they shall judge equal; also, the town doth impower this said Committee, to agree with said Jacob Perley, how much he shall have of the Parsonage for the five acres above mentioned.

The Committee chosen for this service be as followeth, Deacon Abraham Reddington, Jonathan Bixby and Jonathan Foster.— The meeting is adjourned.

The town have voted and given liberty to Ensign Hazen, Jacob Perley and David Wood, to set up a saw-mill upon the Parsonage farm where they shall see meet, and to have a convenient yard room with a way to the Mill, and to have all the towns right and interest, in said conveniencies for thirty years after this time, without any lawful molestation from the town— the said Hazen, Perley and David Wood allowing for the damage that may be done by reason of the said saw-mill, as rationall men shall judge.

At a town-meeting held in Boxford the 31st of March 1710.

The town chose Mr. Samuel Symmonds Moderator for the present meeting; also, chose Nathaniel

Peabody.

Peabody Constable for the year ensuing again two times; also, chose John Howe and Jeray Wilkins Field-drivers for the year ensuing.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 10th of May 1710. The town chose Lieut. John Peabody Representative for the year ensuing; also, voted, that all that hath been done in the town, as to seating of persons in the Meetinghouse, to this time, shall be null and void; also, voted that the Ministers wife shall have the pew that the town built for the Ministers wife before we had a Minister in the town; also, chose five men for a Committee to seat persons in the Meetinghouse both below and in the galleries, according to each persons age, estate, rank and quality as becomes sober Christians to do, and their names be as followeth, Mr. Samuel Symonds Senior Lieu. Thomas Curtice Deacon Abraham Redington, Thomas Jewett and David Wood.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 26th of June 1710.

1st The town voted John Barnes Moderator for the for the present meeting.

2d Chose Thomas Jewett Clerk for the present meeting.

3d The town voted to set up a pew for Mrs Rogers.

4th The town voted for to cut two seats at the pulpit stairs and for to set up a pew there for the Ministry, about the bigness of the pew at the end of the pulpit and for to build up the back seats at the west end of the Meetinghouse, pew fashion for young women to set in.

5th The town chose Sergeant Thomas Perley to set up the pew at the pulpit stairs, where the town voted for to set it up.

6th The town voted and chose Thomas Perley to [illegible] up the back seats at the east end of the Meetinghouse, convenient for young women to set in, at the town cost and charge.

7th The town voted, that Thomas Perley should set up the seats at the south door, making the three seats before it something better for women to set in, at the town cost and charge.

8th The town have chose the Selectmen and David Wood for to help them, and have impowered them for to call the former Constables and Collectors and receivers to an account, which have not made their accounts; also, if there be any others that are indebted to the town, and will not pay, the town doth impower them to sue for it, at the towns cost and charge.

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9th The town voted and chose Mr. Samuel Symonds senior and Abraham Redington and David Wood for to seat the Meetinghouse with as many of the old Committee as will see good to act with them in that work.

10th The town voted that the Selectmen shall provide a Selectmens Book at the towns cost and charge.

At a legal town meeting held in Boxford the 5th of December 1710.

1st The town chose Clerk Joseph Hale Moderator for the present meeting; also, voted to set Indian-corn at half a crown a bushel, and merchantable Wheat at four shillings a bushel, and rye at three shillings a bushel for this present year 1710. The price of grain be only for so much as we pay to Mr. Rogers for his corn part of his Salary; also, voted that every person that is rated to the Minister, shall pay it in to the Minister by the first of January next ensuing, the corn part the money part, by the last of Febriary next ensuing.

The town chose Mr. Samuel Symonds senior and Deacon Redington, to go to Mr. Thomas Symmes, our late Minister, and to reckon with him from

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his first coming to Boxford till he went from us to Bradford, to take a true account of what may be yet behind in the whole time Mr. Symmes was our Minister, or what may be over paid by the town to Mr. Symmes, or any other money that may be in Mr. Symmes hand, and to give an account to the town, how they find the account doth stand; also, the town granted Sargeant Thomas Perley's bill of charge for working in the Meetinghouse by the towns order which is one pound ten shillings and fourpence three farthings.

Voted, that Sargeant Jacob Perley shall set up the two back seats, one at the eastend, and the hired seat next the gallery stairs at the towns cost; also, voted to buy the five acres of land of Jacob Perley which he bought of John Buzwell, to accommodate the Ministry and to give money for it, to add to what the town hath in Bank.

The town chose Clerk Joseph Hale, Thomas Jewett and John Eames, to take a Deed of Jacob Perley in the towns behalf of the five acres of land that said Perley bought of John Buzwell, and to use means to pay him for it in money

At a town-meeting, held in Boxford the 16th of February 1710/11.

1st The town chose Lieut. Thomas Hazen Moderator for the present meeting.

2nd The town voted to allow Jacob Perley's bill of charge for making up several seats, which doth amount to the sum of two pounds and two pence.

Voted that John Nelson shall have his rates abated this present year 1710.

At a legal town-meeting; held in Boxford the 13th of March 1710/11.

1st The town chose John Farnum Moderator for the day following.

2nd The town chose Lieut. Hazen Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

3d The Selectmen ares as followeth, and Constables

Joseph Peabody Junior was chosen Constable for the southside of the town for the year ensuing

4th David Woodward was chosen Constable for the North side of the town for the year ensuing.

5th Voted Capt. John Peabody a Selectman for the year ensuing; also, Quartermaster Daniel Wood, Timothy Foster, Cornelius Brown and Thomas Jewett Selectmen for the year ensuing; also, the town voted these

Selectmen.

Selectmen to be Assessors for the year ensuing; also, the town voted Corporal John Kimball Grand jury man for the year ensuing.

The town chose Joseph Hale, Moses Tyler, John Stiles and John Symonds Tythingmen for the year ensuing; also, Samuel Foster and Ephraim Dorman Fenceviewers for the year ensuing; also, Thomas Wilkins, Thomas Cummings, Joseph Eames and Jeremiah Perley Surveyors for Highways for the year ensuing; also, Richard Kimball a Surveyor for the year ensuing; also, the town chose Ebenezer Tyler, John Kimball junior, John Fiske and Jonathan Peabody Haywards or Field-drivers for the year ensuing; also, the town chose Zaccheus Curtice a Collector, to gather the arrears of the town rates which was committed to William Watson and afterward, to Samuel Symonds senr. also, voted that the present Selectmen above mentioned, to give said Curtice a Warrant for the work he was chosen to; also, Thomas Hazen School-master; also, voted the Widow Lydia Eames to take care of the Key of the Meetinghouse and sweeping it, and to give her twenty shillings.

also,

also, the town voted to desire Bradford, for our neighbours, at the north end of our town, to allow them a highway way to Bradford, to come into the great road between Jonathan Kimball's and the Widow Kimball's, so to Richard Hale's; also, voted, that Capt. John Farnes and Nathaniel Peabody carry the towns desire to Bradford; also, voted to free John Nelson of his rates which are in Constable Josiah Bridges' list; also, voted that the six pounds which Capt. Peabody was made receiver of, shall be for part of his service 1710.

Also, voted Samuel Foster Town Treasurer;

also, the town chose Thomas Andrews Sealer of Weights and Measures; also, voted to take out of the book, the leaves which concerned Capt. Peabody's Military affairs.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 15th of May 1711.

The town chose Capt. John Peabody Moderator for the present meeting.

Voted Capt. John Peabody Representative for the year ensuing.

Voted to sell so much of the parsonage farm, where it might be the least damage, as to buy the five acres of land of Jacob Perley which he bought of John Bayswell.

At a legal town-meeting, holden in Boxford the 2nd of July 1711.

1st The town chose Samuel Symmonds Senior Moderator.

2nd Voted to buy the five acres of land of Jacob Perley which he offered to the town for, and which he bought of John Burwell.

Also, voted to give Jacob Perley fifteen pounds for the land, and to be proportioned by the Selectmen by itself forthwith, and to be delivered to the Constables, and to be gathered within two months after the date hereof; also, voted, that the money laid in a town rate in 1710. shall defray the towns debt, and the overplus to return for the use of the town.

At a lawful town-meeting, holden in Boxford 19th September 1711.

The town chose Jacob Perley to serve on the jury of Trials at Newbury Court the last Tuesday of this month.

At a legal town-meeting, holden in Boxford 5th February 1711/12

1st Mr. Samuel Symmonds chosen Moderator for the meeting

2nd Voted to accept of the Deed of sale which Jacob Perley gave the town for fifteen pounds of money which the town paid said Perley for land for the Meetinghouse.

3d Voted Jeremiah Perley to get the Deed which Jacob Perley made to the Town, to see it perfected according as the law directs.

4th Voted one pound fourteen shillings and eight pence to be paid out of the property to Mr. Samuel Symonds for so much fallen in Constable Bridges' hands.

5th Voted two and twenty shillings to Capt. Peabody for expence for the Ordination, not being enough laid in the rate.

6th Voted to Samuel Symonds three pounds four shillings and ten pence, and to Capt. Peabody two pounds, two shillings and four pence for to be paid out of the Treasury.

7th Voted to give Jeremiah Perley seventeen shillings and six pence out of the Treasury, for getting the body of Laws, and five shillings for getting the Deed perfected which the Town had of Jacob Perley.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 11th of March 1712. for to choose town Officers for the year ensuing.

1st Voted, Sargeant Bixby to be Moderater for work of the day.

2nd The town chose Thomas Perley Jur. Town Clerk.

3d

3d Ebenezer Tyler chosen Constable for the Northside of the Town; and Jonathan Darby Constable for the Southside of the Town.

4th Doctor John Andrews, Samuel Symonds Jur. Samuel Foster, Moses Tyler and Jacob Perley chosen to be Selectmen and Assessors.

5th The Town chose Timothy Foster, Luke Hovey, Joseph Andrews, Jonathan Kenney and Stephen Peabody to be Surveyors.

6th The Town chose Timothy Dorman, David Peabody, and Joseph Hale Sythingmen.

7th Voted that Robert Andrews, John Andrews, Jabez Dorman, Ephraim Peabody, David Kenney and Francis Elliot should be Field-drivers.

8th The Town chose Joseph Peabody to serve on the Grand Jury at Ipswich — and John Farnes to serve on the Jury of Trials the 10th of this month.

9th Voted John Wood to be Town-treasurer and Samuel Fiske and Ephraim Dorman Fence-viewers.

Also, voted Thomas Perley Jur. to be Schoolmaster.

Voted to pay Lydia Farnes twenty shillings for sweeping the Meetinghouse and keeping the key the year ensuing. ——

At a Legal town-meeting, held in Boxford on May the 13th, 1712.

1st The Town chose Mr. Samuel Symonds Moderator for the meeting; also, the Town made choice of Capt. Peabody for a Representative for the year ensuing.

At a Legal town-meeting, held in Boxford in December the 17th, 1712.

The Town chose Capt. Peabody Moderator for the meeting; also, the town made choice of, and did impower Capt. Peabody, Doctr. John Andrews and Lieut. Thomas Perley and Mr. Joseph Hale to act in the Towns behalf, in answering to the petition, which Topsfield have put up to the great and General Court in November 1712. for a further hearing concerning the line between Topsfield and Boxford.

At a Legal town-meeting, held in Boxford in March the 10th, 1713. for the choice of Town Officers for the year ensuing.

1st The Town chose Capt. Peabody Moderator for the day.

2nd Voted Thomas Perley jur. Town Clerk. —

3d Also, voted Luke Hovey Constable for the northside of the Town, and John Symonds Constable for the South side of the Town.

4th

4th The Town chose Jonathan Foster, Nathaniel Peabody, Thomas Cummings, David Peabody and Doctor John Andrews for Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

5th Voted James Block, Stephen Peabody, Robert Andrews, Thomas Wilkins and John Fiske Surveyors for the year ensuing.

6th Voted Joseph Hale and Jeremiah Perley Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

7th Voted Jacob Perley Town Treasurer.

8th Voted Jonathan Kenney and Henry Wilkins Field-drivers

9th Quarter master Wood chosen Grandjuryman and Thomas Stafford to serve on the Jury of Trials.

10th Joseph Peabody Senior and John Wood chosen Sythingmen.

11th The Town made choice of, and did impower the Selectmen to hire a Schoolmaster forthwith to learn children to read and write, upon the Towns cost and charge.

At a Legal Town-meeting, held in Boxford May the 5th 1713.

Voted Capt. Peabody Moderator for the meeting.

The Town chose Capt. John Peabody Representative to serve at the Great and General Court to be convened at the Townhouse in Boston the 27th of May 1713.

Whereas

Whereas the Selectmen of Andover have put in a Petition to the Court of quarter Sessions, for a Highway through our Towne, from John Barnes' to Ensigne Thomas Perley's where the former Highway now laid out, or as near it as con-veniently may be- and further, the Selectmen of Andover have sent to us to lay out the way through our towne, wherefore we have taken care, and have gotten copies out of Rowley Town-book, which copies mention the former highway, by bounding land on said Way. We the Select-men have met to lay out the way on the first day of November 1712. and have proceeded to lay out said way, and bounded it as followeth, beginning at Andover line next John Barnes's. The way now leyeth on the northside of Job Tyler's House, and as the way now leyeth on the South side of John Thurtall's House, and as the way now leyeth on the southside of Jonathan Tyler's House, and as the way now leyeth to the Parsonage, and on the north side of the Parsonage till it comes to John Woods land to the way settled by the Court, and after it leaves said

Woods

Woods land, through some part of Clerk Hale's land, and on the north side of said Hale's House on the way now leyeth to Lieut. Thomas Perley's House, as the way now leyeth to Ens.r Thomas Perley's House, and so to Ipswich line. This way which we the Selectmen of Boxford for the year 1712. have laid out, is a town way and is to be two rods wide.

John Andrews,
Samuel Symonds,
Samuel Foster,
Jacob Perley.
} Selectmen of Boxford.

Essex ss. At a General Sessions of the Peace holden at Ipswich March 27th 1712/13. This Court do allow and approve of the above highway, provided it be laid between John Barnes' House and Barn and so on, and direct that the Surveyors of Boxford take care to put the same in good repair as the law directs — and that they make the said Highway three rods wide throughout, and record it &c.

Copia vera. Attest Stephen Sewall Clerk.

March 25th 1713. The Selectmen of Boxford met and laid out Highway from Andover line to John Barnes' bounded as followeth — at Andover line beginning at a heap of rocks, and from thence to a heap of rocks, and so to an Oak tree marked, and so to a black oak tree marked, and so to a great stone, and from

and from thence to the northwest corner of John Eames Barn, and so on to the Highway. All these bounds above mentioned, are on the south side of the road now laid out — This to be understood, that the road is laid out three rods wide upon the north side of those bounds, and from thence to Ipswich line as the road now lyeth, three rods wide throughout.

Jonathan Foster,
John Andrews,
Nathaniel Peabody,
David Peabody,
Thomas Cummings
} The Selectmen of Boxford.

At a legal town meting, held in Boxford on the 13th of November 1713

1st The town chose Ens.n Joseph Hale Moderator for the meeting.

2nd The town voted to fence in the six acres of land they bought of Jacob Perley with a five rail fence, or a fence equivelant thereunto.

3d The town chose three men to fence in the above-said five acres upon the towns cost and charge, and their manner be as followeth, Thimothy Dorrance, Samuel Foster and John Wood.

4th The town voted, that the above-said Fence should be set up and finished by the last of next May ensuing.

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5th Voted, that a rate shall be made, and that the aboveraid men shall be paid as soon as the work shall be done.

6th The town made choice of Sargeant Joseph Barsby, Lieut. Thomas Perley and Thomas Perley Junr. to take a deed, in the towns behalf, of the land which Mr. Rogers, our Reverend Pastor lives on, of the proprietors thereof.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 9th of March 1713/14. for the choice of all town officers for the ensuing year.

1st Voted Sargeant Joseph Barsby Moderator for the present meeting

2nd Voted Thomas Perley Junr Town Clerk.

3d Voted John Wood Constable for the north side of the town, and Samuel Foster Constable for the South side of the Town.

4th Voted Sargeant Joseph Barsby, Capt. John Tyler, Jeremiah Perley, Jacob Smith and Thomas Perley Junr. for Selectmen and Assessors

5th Voted Jacob Perley Town Treasurer.

6th Thomas Jewett and Cornelius Perley were chosen chosen Surveyors; also, voted Joseph Peabody Junr. John Chadwick, Timothy Foster Nathaniel Perley and John Kenney, Samuel Fiske and Robert Andrews Surveyors.

4th

7th Voted John Andrews and John Stiles Jur. to take care of hogs as the Law directs.

8th Voted Joseph Symonds and Joseph Andrews Fence-viewers.

9th Voted George Bixby Grandjuryman and John Eames to serve on the Jury of Trials.

Upon an adjournment of a town meeting from the 9th of March 1714. to the 16th of March 1714.

10th Voted to pay John Buzwell twenty shillings for the pastureing Mr. Rogers' cow for the year past.

11th Voted to free John Ramsell from paying of five shillings and six pence to Joseph Peabody Jur. and from paying of four shillings to John Symonds, which money was assessed by the Selectmen and committed to said Peabody and Symonds to gather; also, voted that said Ramsell should be freed from paying unto Constable Jonathan Bixby, the sum of nineteen shillings and three pence.

12th Voted to allow Doctor John Andrews and Lieut. Thomas Perley's bill of charge, the sum being one pound, one shilling and eight pence; it was for two days a piece of themselves and horse and money expended in going to Boston to answer Topsfield's Petition; also, voted to allow Ensign

Joseph.

Joseph Hale five shillings for his warning the town concerning Hasfields petition.

13th Voted to allow Jacob Perley one pound one shilling and eight pence and Samuel Foster four shillings and six pence, for service done in mending the Meetinghouse; also, voted that Sergeant Jonathan Brixby should sweep the Meetinghouse and keep the key.

At a legal town meeting held in Boxford the 11th of May 1714.

The town made choice of Ensigne Joseph Hale to serve and represent them in the Session and sessions of the great and General Court to be held and kept at the Townhouse in Boston the 26th of May 1714.

September the 16th, 1714. The town made choice of Stephen Peabody to serve on the jury of trials at Newbury Court on the 20th day.

At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford on the 22nd of September 1714.

1st The town chose Ensr. Joseph Hale Moderator for the Meeting.

2nd The town made choice of Ensr. John Perley,

Corporal

Corporal Timothy Dorrance, and John Eames a Committee to renew and settle bounds between the Parsonage land and all such as have land bordering upon it.

At a legal town meeting; held in Boxford the 6th of December 1714.

1st Voted Sargeant Joseph Kimball Moderator for the meeting.

2nd The town chose Lieu? Joseph Hale to represent them in a great and General Court to be held in Boston the 15th of this instant December.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 1st of February 1715.

1st Voted Luke Hovey Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Voted to allow Corporal Timothy Dorrance, one pound for sweeping the Meetinghouse one year, and a shilling for getting widow Squire warned out of town — entered in the Court records.

3d Voted to free James Perley the sum of ten shillings in rates committed to Constable Luke Hovey to gather, and that the Town treasurer, Jacob Perley, should discharge the said Hovey of the same.

The Selectmen of Boxford, being desired by several of the Inhabitants of the town, to veille and confirm the Roads, one agreed on by a Committee chosen by the town; and they not stating any breadth to said Way, or road, we the present Selectmen, do agree, that the way from Maple meadow shall be two rods wide, and shall be a stated road wherein it is now improved by Timothy Foster's, and from thence on the path is improved by Samuel Pickard's and by Capt. Peabody's, and by Mr. Rogers' and by Robert Andrews' and by Quartermaster Andrews', and still on as the way is improved by Sergeant Andrews' barn, and so on as the way is now improved to Topsfield line. And from Timothy Foster's, toe and over land as the way is now improved, by a great white Oak, which is a bound between Andover and Boxford. As witness our hands- dated in the year 1714.

Joseph Bixby,
Thomas Perley,
Jacob Smith,
Jeremiah Perley,
John Tyler
} The Selectmen of Boxford.

The Selectmen of Boxford, being met together the 16th of December 1714. have laid out a way one rod and half wide from Bradford line upon the eastside of Cornelius Brown's land, by Jonah Sessions' line Southerly, until it comes near a Swamp; then westerly till it comes to a path, and so along said Path over the Bridge southerly up the hill to a white Oak-tree marked; then southerly over the plain between two ridges, and so on to the path, and thence as the path goes between the Widow Sherwin's House and Barn, and so along down by Nathaniel Peabody's House into a way laid out by the Selectmen in 1696.

Joseph Bixby,
Jeremiah Perley,
Thomas Perley Jur
} The Selectmen of Boxford.

December 24th 1714.

Whereas, the Selectmen of Boxford, in the year 1700. did agree and order, that the road or way, from the corner of William Foster's field near his Barn, should remain and continue, from said Barn to Rowley line, near Tobacco-pipe-hill, they not stating any breadth, therefore now we the present Selectmen in the year 1714. do agree and order

that

that the above said Way or road shall be two rods wide throughout as the trees are marked.

Joseph Bixby,
Thomas Perley,
Jacob Smith,
Jeremiah Perley,
} By us the Selectmen of Boxford

December the 24th 1714.

The Selectmen of Boxford have laid out a way, a rod and half wide, beginning at Rowley line about forty rods to the east of Edward Hazen's House, from thence southerly, as the path goes and as the trees are marked, and so along between Nathaniel Perley's House and Barn – thence as the path goeth to Thomas Jewell's land until it comes near Jeremy Perley's Orchard; from thence along down by Ens.r John Perley's House, and so over the plain upon Jeremiah Perley's land until it comes to Lindover Road, meeting with the way that is laid out to our Meetinghouse between Clerk Hale's and the Widow Peabody's land.

Joseph Bixby,
Thomas Perley,
Jacob Smith,
Jeremiah Perley.
} The Selectmen of Boxford.

December the 24th, 1714.

The Selectmen of Boxford have laid out a Way, a rod wide, beginning at Nathaniel Perkins' land, near a great rock upon the west side of Pleasant plain as the way now goeth to Jonathan Wilkins', so into the way that is already laid out leading to the Meetinghouse. —

Also, the Selectmen have laid out a horseway, from the road leading from William Foster's Barn to Rowley line — beginning on the westerly side of a Swamp, and from thence as the foot-path now goeth for our Meetinghouse.

Boxford, the Selectmen of Boxford.

Joseph Bixby,
Jacob Smith,
Jeremiah Perley,
Thomas Perley.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 25th of March 1715. for the choosing of all Town Officers for the year ensuing.

1st Sargeant Joseph Bixby chosen Moderator for the meeting.

2nd Voted Thomas Perley Junior Town Clerk.

3d. Joseph Peabody and Cornelius Brower chosen Constables.

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4th. Ensign Joseph Hale, Corporal Timothy Dorman, Sergeant Samuel Symonds, John Chadwick and Thomas Stafford chosen Selectmen and Assessors.

5th. Jacob Perley chosen Town Treasurer.

6th. Nathan Cowes, Jabez Dorman, Edmund Bridges, Francis Elliot, Robert Andrews and Samuel Fiske are chosen Surveyors of Highways.

7th. Joseph Symonds, Jonathan Peabody, Thomas Hillam, Ephraim Peabody and Richard Peabody are chosen Hogconstables.

8th. Richard Kimball and Nathan Peabody chosen Fence-viewers.

9th. David Wood, Timothy Stiles and Jeremiah Perley are chosen Tythingmen.

10th. Voted, that the Selectmen should procure a School-master for the Town.

11th. Voted to free Samuel Gould from paying any rates which were committed to Richard Kimball to gather, that year said Gould's House was burnt.

Boxford March 9th 1714/15

The humble request of those, whose names are under written— To the Town of Boxford, Gentlemen— We humbly desire, that you would

grant.

Voted.

grant us liberty to build us a seat on the back-side of the west gallery at our own cost, and in so doing you will greatly oblige us your friends, if you will grant us the aforesaid Seat.

Thomas Pickard,
John Bixby,
Richard Peabody,
Samuel Stafford,
Jacob Wood,
Jonathan Foster,
Joseph Hale,
Ezekiel Jewett,
Jacob Hale.

This petition voted and allowed, provided the seats be not raised so high as to darken the Meetinghouse.

Boxford March 6th, 1714-15.

To the Inhabitants of the town of Boxford, Gentlemen. We your humble Petitioners, whose names are under written do humbly desire, that you would be pleased to grant us the third seat next the wall on the east gallery, to build it up for our selves, at our own cost and charge- and in so doing you will greatly oblige us your friends.

Rebeckah Andrews,
Ann Andrews,
Elisabeth Dorman,
Martha Smith,
Sarah Page,
Mercy Stiles,
Priscilla Bixby,
Sarah Gould,
Mary Bixby,
Sarah Wood.

This Petition voted and allowed, provided the seats be not raised so high as to darken the Meeting-house.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 12th of May, in the year 1715.

1st The town chose Ensign Joseph Hale, Moderator for the meeting.

2d The town chose Ens.r Joseph Hale to represent them at the General Court of Election to be convened and held at Boston the 25th of May 1715.

3d Voted, that the present Selectmen should make a rate of thirty pounds for the defraying of town charges which have or may arise.

May 16th, 1715.

Then was laid out a Highway from Thomas Cummings' House, bounded on the west side; as read oak tree marked, two rods wide, so running northwest as the way goes by the edge of the hill to David Peabody's land, two rods wide, so on his land to a black oak tree marked on the north east side of the road; on the north side a heap of stones, and cross the west corner of said Peabody's field, so, on the west side of a rocky hill, two rods wide; so up the hill, turning a little towards his Barn, and turning northwest towards his fence; then running northwest on the northwest side of a white oak tree, so as

the

the road goes on the west end of said Peabody's House, so running as the way goes, to Corporal John Stiles' land, bounded on each side with a heap of stones; so as the way goes, to the west end of said Stiles' House; so as the road goes to the Fishing-brook, and so over the Brook, a stake, and stones about it near said Brook, two rods wide on Samuel Fiske's by Buzwell's land to the Road.

Timothy Dorman,
Thomas Spofford,
John Chadwick
} Selectmen of Boxford.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford May the 16th, 1715.

1st Voted Quartermaster Andrews Moderator.

2nd Voted Timothy Dorman Clerk for said Meeting.

3d Voted Ensn Joseph Hale Representative to serve at the General Court at Boston.

An Attest. Timothy Dorman Clerk for said meeting

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 24th of June 1715.

1st Voted Sargeant Joseph Bixby Moderator.

2nd Voted Deacon Wood and Deacon Foster should reckon with our Reverend Pastor Mr Rogers, concerning his Salary in the towns behalf, and

to

ballance accounts with him.

3d Voted, that the vote that was passed the 16th of May 1715. to impower the Selectmen to raise a Rate of thirty pounds to defray town charges shall be continued

4th Voted, that the three gates which Samuel Finke and Thomas Redington set up across the road shall stand and continue upon the condition, that the above said Finke and Redington make horse gates, and give the use of their land, where the road goes through, so long as the said Gates shall stand.

5th Voted, that all the proprietors in the town, shall have liberty to erect gates where they shall have occasion for their conveniency, and to continue such as are already erected, until the town shall pay there for their land which the Highways take up, with the damage which hath not been heretofore allowed for.

At a Legal town-meeting, held in Woburn the 9th of February 1715/16.

1st Voted Sergeant Joseph Bixby, Moderator for the meeting.

2nd Voted to allow Samuel Fowle twenty shillings for sweeping the Meetinghouse in the year 1710.

Voted.

3d. Voted to allow Ensign Joseph Hale, for two days attendance at Ipswich Court the last spring, when Lieut. Thomas Perley's cause about highways was upon trial, & for expences- thirteen shillings and eight pence, and for Attorneys fees fifteen shillings.

4th. Voted to allow Thomas Perley Junr. one pound thirteen shillings, for service done by his Father in serving the Town as Representative in the year 1709.

5th. Voted to free the Widow Stiles from paying eight shillings and three pence that said Widow was rated in Samuel Foster's list.

6th. Voted to adjourn the meeting from the 9th of this instant until the 14th day at one of the clock in the afternoon.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford upon an adjournment from the 9th of February to the 14th, 1715-16

7th. Voted to allow Mr. Samuel Symmonds what shall appear to be his due from the Town upon an honest reckoning.

8th. Voted to free Robert Willis from paying ten

shillings

shillings that he was assessed in Joseph Peabody's list, and Joseph Killam one shilling and two pence, and Increase Mosley one shilling and two pence, they being assessed so much in the above said list

9th Voted to allow Ebenezer Tyler eight shillings and six pence which the said Tyler could not gather of William Cleaves.

10th Voted, and impowered Jacob Perley Town Treasurer, to gather in all the arrearages that is due to the town from former Town Treasurers, Constables and all receivers appointed by the Selectmen.

11th Voted that the Town Treasurer, Jacob Perley, shall be allowed a rational satisfaction to be paid him out of the Treasury of the said Town, for his time and charges in gathering or recovering by suit or suits, at Law or otherways, proper for the recovering of the several sums of money due to the town from the former Town Treasurers, or Constable or Constables, when there was no Treasurer in said Town; also, of any receiver appointed by former Selectmen, and to pay in the several sums of money so gathered or received unto Capt. Peabody's present Attorneys,

at

at or before the first of next May ensuing.

12th Voted, that Thomas Jewett and Edmund Bridges shall be a Committee to reckon with Mr. Samuel Symonds, to find how the account stands between him and said Town.

13th Voted, that Joseph Hale shall be allowed eight shillings out of the Treasury of said Town for the like sum he paid a glazier for mending of the Meetinghouse glass.

14 Voted, that Sergeant Joseph Kirby shall be allowed three shillings a day for six days attendance at Salem and Ipswich Courts, relating to Thomas Perley's complaint concerning Highways.

15th Voted, that Doctor John Andrews shall be allowed nine shillings for three days attendance at Ipswich Court.

16th Voted, that Samuel Foster shall be allowed nine shillings for three days attendance at Ipswich Court.

17th Voted, that Sergeant Samuel Symonds shall be allowed six shillings for two

18th Voted, that David Wood shall be allowed one

pound.

pound ten shillings in full for his time and money expended for attendance at Ipswich and Salem Courts, besides the money he has already received, he paying the Witnesses that were summoned to attend the same Courts.

10th Voted, that the present Selectmen shall levy a rate of fifteen pounds to defray the town charges.

20th Voted, that the present Selectmen shall provide a covering for the pulpit-cushion upon the town's cost.

At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford the 13th of March 1715/16. for the choosing of all town Officers for the year ensuing.

1st Voted Sargeant Joseph Bixby Moderator for the meeting.

2nd Thomas Perley chosen Town Clerk. —

3d Robert Stiles chosen Constable for the north side of the town, and Thomas Wilkins Constable for south side of the town.

4th Thomas Jewett, Sargeant Jonathan Bixby, Job Tyler, John Symonds and Daniel Kenney are chosen Selectmen for the year ensuing.

5th Jacob Perley chosen Town Treasurer.

6th Jacob Wood, Edmund Bridges, Ephraim Peabody, Ephraim Dorman, John Andrews

and

and John How are chosen Surveyors.

7th David Peabody and Sherman Cummings are chosen Fenceviewers.

8th Sargeant Samuel Symonds and Jacob Smith are chose Scythingmen.

9th Moses Tyler chosen Grandjurymen, and Job Tyler chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials.

10th Jonathan Kenney and Francis Elliot Junr John Stiles Junr and Jonathan Peabody, Jeremiah Perley, Ezekiel Jewett, Nathaniel Hardy and William Clark are chosen Field-drivers or Haywards for the year ensuing.

11th Sargeant Jonathan Kirby chosen sealer of Weights and Measures.

12th John Buzwell chose to dig graves in said Town.

13th The town voted to stand by and defend Doctor John Andrews, in gathering the remainder of the rates which are behind, that were committed to said Andrews to gather when he was a Constable for the Town.

At a legal Town-meeting, held in Boxford the 15th of May 1716.

1st Voted Ensr Hale Moderator for said Meeting.

Ensign

2nd Ensigne Joseph Hale chosen Representative for the town.

3d Voted, that there should four contributions in the year ensuing for our Reverend Pastor Mr Rogers- the first contribution to be the last Sabbath of this May, and the other three to be the last Sabbath every quarter.

4th Voted to choose a Committee to seat the Meeting house:

5th Voted, that Ensigne John Perley, Timothy Dorman and Doctor Wood to be a Committee to renew the bounds of the Parsonage-Farm.

7th Voted, that Thomas Killam shall have the liberty to build a yard that shall be in the room of a pound for himself and his neighbours, and that the said Killam shall be the keeper of it.

At a legal Town-meeting holden in Rowley the 5th of June 1716.

1st Voted Cornelius Brown Moderator for said Meeting:

2nd Voted, that the Town should hire a School master for six months upon the Town's cost, and to begin the six months next September- and that said Schoolmaster shall move into six quarters of the town, keeping one

month

month in a place.

3. The town voted to stand by, and defend Cornelius Brown, as he is Administrator to Nathaniel Peabody's estate, in gathering all the arrearages in said Peabody's list.

4th The town voted, that the Selectmen should reckon with Capt. Peabody, and take his accompts as exact as they can, as to his deputies charges, or any other just debts, due from the town to him.

5th Voted, that the Selectmen shall order out of the Townstreasury of the old arrearages and new assessments or town rates, to be paid to Capt. Peabody's Attorney, what appears, upon ballance of accompts for to be his just due as soon as may be, and take a general acquittance for the town.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 10th of September 1716.

The town made choice of Job Tyler and Stephen Peabody, to serve on the Jury of Trials the next inferior Court of Pleas to be holden at Newbury on the 25th day of September.

At a legal town meeting, held in Dunstable the 11th of December 1716.

1st Voted Thomas Jewell, Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Voted, that there should be a town rate made of forty pounds, for to pay Deputy charges and all other town debts, and if there should be any of said Money left, when all town debts are paid, it should remain in the Treasurers hands until the town see cause to draw it out.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Dunstable the 12th of March 1717. for choosing Town Officers for the year ensuing.

1st Voted Lieut. Thomas Perley Senior Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Voted, that when there is not a major vote by proxys, for any towne officers, that it shall be decided by a handy vote.

3d Voted Thomas Perley Jnr. and Lieut. Thomas Perley Senior and Doctor John Andrews and John How and Joseph Cummens for Selectmen and Assessors.

4th Voted Thomas Perley Jnr. Town Clerk.

5th Voted Timothy Foster Constable for the south side of the towne, and Capt. John Taylor Constable for the north side of the towne.

Voted

6th Voted George Bixby and Cornelius Balch Scything-men.

7th Voted Samuel Fiske and Nathan. Peabody Fence-viewers.

8th Voted John Kimball and Jeremiah Perley, Henry Wilkins, Joseph Bixby Junr Ephraim Peabody and Nathaniel Symonds Surveyors.

9th Voted Ephraim Dorman Sealer of Weights and Measures.

10th Voted Edmund Bridges, Jonathan Elliot, Henry Wilkins, Nathan Eames, Joseph Hale Junr John Fiske, John Stiles Junr Francis Elliot Junr Hogwards or Field-drivers.

11th Voted Jacob Perley Town Treasurer.

12th Voted Robert Stiles to sweep the Meeting-house and to take care of the Key.

13th Voted John Stiles to serve on the Grand jury, and Samuel Foster and James Balch to serve on the Jury of Trials at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich.

At a Legal Town-meeting, held in Boxford the 17th of May 1717.

1st Voted Coll. Peabody Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Voted Ensr Joseph Hale Representative

for

for the year ensuing.

3d. The town made choice of Sargeant Joseph Kinsley, Lieut. Thomas Perley and Sargeant David Peabody, and have fully empowered them for a Committee for to settle and confirm the bounds between Andover and Boxford with such men as Andover have, or may appoint for that service as the line was last run between said Towns by Andover and Boxford men appointed for that service by the Selectmen in each town on the 29th of April 1717.

4th Voted to give our Reverend Pastor Mr Rogers ten pounds this year.

5th Voted to adjourn this meeting to the third Monday in June next, to see if we can better agree of some way to better Mr Rogers's circumstances.

At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford upon an adjournment from the 17th of May 1717. to the third Monday in June next.

Voted to add twenty pounds to Mr Rogers's yearly Salary, so long as he continues our Pastor, besides his yearly sixty pounds before granted, that is, to make his annual Salary eighty pounds, setting full the ten pounds granted the last town-meeting.

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I do, by these Presents, promise, as God shall enable me, to continue in the course of monthly Lectures and expound some portion of Scripture on the Sabbath days, or any other thing that the town and church of Boxford shall desire, that is lawful, honourable and tolerable, ye to that in lawful, honourable and tolerable, ye to comply with Christians, wherein with a **** comply with Christians, wherein with a **** I may, executing my Office in all the parts of it, God helping of me for the instruction and edification of my hearers in faith, peace and holiness- Amen. John Rogers.

We the Selectmen of Boxford being met together this 14th day of June 1717. to lay out a Highway from Rowley road to Nathaniel Perley's into the road laid from Edward Hazen's to the Meetinghouse- and whereas there is an allowance made for a Highway through the lots now in possession of Sergeant John Hovey and Thomas Jewett where said Lots were laid out, and it not being stated where said Way should go, nor how wide it should be- we as aforesaid

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do lay out said Way one rod and a half wide beginning at Bradley road near Cornelius Baldwins field, a black oak tree being marked, on the northside of the road, so into the road on the northside of Baldwins field, so on the path now goes to a walnut tree marked on the north side of said Road, and so on on the path now goes between Thomas Jewetts House and Barn, and so along the lane straight into the way laid out from said Hazen's to the Meetinghouse— said Highway is to be an open way at all times. John Andrews, Thomas Perley, Thomas Perley Jr. } the Selectmen of Boxford.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 22nd of October 1717.

1st Voted Sargeant Joseph Bixby Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Voted, that all town ways that are laid out by the Selectmen, shall be repaired by way of town rate

3d Voted to begin to mend Highways by way of town rate next March which will be in the beginning of the year 1718.

4th Voted to allow Lieut. Thomas Perley and

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John Wood four pounds six shillings and ten pence for their answering a presentment against the town for their not keeping a part of a Bridge in repair over Ipswich River, two pounds ten shillings and ten pence of it being Court charges, and one pound sixteen shillings for time and money expended.

5th Voted to allow Sargeant Joseph Kimby and Lieut. Thomas Perley and Sargeant David Peabody three shillings a piece for their time in settling the line with Andover men, that is, between Andover and Boxford.

At a legal Town-meeting, held in Boxford the 11th of March 1710. for choosing town Officers for the year ensuing.

1st Voted Deacon Jonathan Foster Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Voted Thomas Perley Jun.r Town Clerk.

3d Voted Thomas Cummings Constable for the southside of the town, and George Kimby Constable for the north side of the Town.

4th Voted Sargeant Joseph Kimby, Cornelius Brown, Joseph Peabody, Sargeant Samuel Symonds and Ephraim Bowman Selectmen and Assessors.

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5th Voted Samuel Fiske to serve on the Grandjury, and Daniel Kenney and Nathan Eames to serve on the Jury of Trials at Ipswich Court.

6th Voted Cornet Jacob Perley Town Treasurer.

7th Voted John Chadwick, Joseph Symonds, Luke Hovey, Nathaniel Carill, John Wood and Nathan Peabody Surveyors of Highways.

8th Voted Edward Hazen and Cor. Timothy Dorman Tything-men.

9th Voted John Fiske and John Buzwell Viewers of fence, Fence viewers.

10th Voted Edward Nicholes, Francis Elliot, Jur. Timothy Stiles, Thomas Pickard, Richard Peabody, Ezekiel Jewett, Joseph Andrews and Robert Andrews Field drivers.

11th Voted, that the Inhabitants which live at the south end of our town, shall have free liberty to build a Pound, and set it up on the southside of Pout pond-brook, and keep it as they shall agree, provided they do it upon their own cost and charge.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 14th of May 1718.

1st Voted Lieut. Joseph Hale Moderator for said Meeting.

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2.nd The Town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley Representative to serve at the General Court the year ensuing.

3.d Voted to mull the way that hath been formerly laid out through the plain, partly upon Corporal Joseph Peabody's land, and partly on Corporal Timothy Dorman's land and upon Thomas Cummings' land, on the other side the Fishing brook until it comes to Samuel Gould's land.

4th Voted to mull the way that was formerly laid out from Robert Andrews' Barn over the hills to Mr. Samuel Symonds' house.

5th The Town chose Capt John Andrews, Samuel Fiske, Deacon Timothy Foster, Corporal Timothy Dorman and Corporal Richard Kimball a Committee for to view the way over Pye-brook by Richard Peabody's, and the way over Pye-brook by the Widow Peabody's, and the way over the Brook at the lower end of the Fourmile-pond, and any other way where there is occasion, and make report to the Town of their doings.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 10th of November 1790.

1st Voted Sargeant Joseph Bixby, Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Voted Deacon Daniel Wood, Lieut. Thomas Perley and Sargeant Joseph Bixby a Committee to seat the Meetinghouse.

We whose names are underwritten, being desired by some of the Inhabitants of our respective towns, to lay out a Town way from the road that goes by Mr. John Capon's to the road that goes by Thomas Andrews' Barn - accordingly we have laid out said Way as followeth, beginning at Mr. Capon's Causeway, so called, along as the lane now goeth by the land of Serg.t Daniel Clark, upon Thomas Gould's Land & Mr. John Gould's Land, to the land of Benjamin Bixby, and so along between the aforesaid Benjamin Bixby's House and Barn to the Brook as the way was formerly improved, and so along over the Brook upon the aforesaid Benjamin Bixby's land— the aforesaid Way, to enter upon Thomas Andrews's land

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about three or four rods to the westward of a great rock that is a bound between Thomas Andrews and Samuel Smith, and so along on the way is now improved to the Road that goeth by Thomas Andrews Barn.

The above said way is laid out two rods wide.

Dated in Topsfield the 16th of October 1710.

Joseph Bixby,
Samuel Symonds,
Ephraim Dorman,
Stephen Peabody,
Selectmen of Boxford.

John Gould,
John Howlet,
Jacob Peabody,
Nathaniel Porter
The Selectmen
of Topsfield.

What is above written, relating to a town way, voted and allowed by the Town of Boxford, so far as it concerns them.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 10th of March 1710/11 for the choosing of all Town Officers for the year ensuing.

1st Voted Lieut. Joseph Hale Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Voted Thomas Perley Jur. Town Clerk.

3d Voted Lieut. Joseph Hale, Mr. Thomas Hillam Sergeant Luke Hovey, Joseph Symmes and John Wood Selectmen and Assessors.

4th Voted Sergeant Jeremiah Perley Constable

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for the northside of the town, and Timothy Stiles Constable for the southside of the town.

5th Voted Jacob Perley Town Treasurer

6th Voted Lieut. Thomas Perley, James Black, Corp. Richard Kimball, John Andrews Jun.r Thomas Wilkins and Jacob Wood Surveyors.

7th Voted John Tenke and John Stiles Fence viewers.

8th Voted Thomas Killam, Jun.r Richard Peabody, William Clark, Nathaniel Hardy, Nathaniel Carill, Jun.r Edward Nicholes, Thomas Rednigton and Elias Smith Hayewards or Pound-keepers.

9th Voted to hire a Schoolmaster to learn children to read and write.

10th Voted Sargeant Joseph Kirby and Stephen Peabody agents for the town to make answer to a presentment by the Court against our town for our not having a Schoolmaster.

11th Voted Ens.n David Peabody Grandjurymans and Corporal Timothy Dorman and John Chadwick to serve on the Jury of Trials at Ipswich to be holden the 17th of this instant.

12th Voted Cornelius Balch and Jacob Smith Surveyors.

13th Voted Ephraim Dorman Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Voted

14th Voted, that all men that work on the Highways, from the beginning of May till the first of September, shall have two shillings and six pence per day, and from the first of September to the end of the year, two shillings per day, and one shilling a day for a pair of Oxen, and six pence a day for a tumberell or cart.

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At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford on the 14th of ~~[illegible]~~ May 1719

1st Capt. John Andrew voted Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Lieut. Thomas Perley chosen Representative for the year ensuing.

Boxford October 14th, 1719.

We the Subscribers, upon the request of several of the Inhabitants of said Town, have laid out a town highway or road from Andover line unto the road that leads from Bradford line down through the said Town to our Meetinghouse, the said Road is laid out two rods wide beginning at a horse gate at Andover line near Lawrance Lawhorse his House, bounded with

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a white oak tree on the westerly side, and with a red oak tree on the southerly side of the road, so to run northwesterly till it comes to Mr. John Chadwicks barn as the path now lies, so on to the southside of his dwellinghouse, to lay between the house and well; thence as the path lies, till it comes to James Black's southerly corner bound; thence northwardly, down on the side of the hill within the fence where it may be most convenient, till it comes to a bridge over a brook, so on to said Black's house on the backside of it, so on to the southerly side of a hill, so to the old path, so on as the path now lies till it comes into the aforesaid Road on the northwardly side of a Frog pond.

In Witness our hands

Joseph Hale, Luke Hovey, John Woods } The Selectmen of Boxford.

The town being met the 24th of this instant November 1719- They made choice of Capt. Andrews Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town voted that they would choose a Committee to inspect the Surveyors account

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of the work done in mending the Highways and to make report to the town the next town-meeting.

2d Voted, that Sargeant Joseph Bixby, Mr. Job Tyler, Capt. Thomas Perley shall be a Committee to accomplish the said Service

3d Voted, that Stephen Peabody shall have one pound thirteen shillings and six pence, and Sargeant Joseph Bixby ten shillings and four pence for their attendance at Court when the town was presented for want of a Schoolmaster.

4th Voted, that Ephraim Dorman should have one pound one shilling and six pence for for sweeping the Meetinghouse.

5th The town voted thirty five pounds to pay the Schoolmaster his wages, twenty two pounds, and to pay for his board thirteen pounds.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 6th of March 1717: 20. for the choosing all Town Officers for the year ensuing.

1st Lieut Thomas Perley chose Moderator for said Meeting.

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2nd Thomas Perley Jur. chosen Town Clerk

3d. Stephen Peabody chosen Constable for the northside of the town, and John How chosen Constable for the southside of the town.

4th. Thomas Perley Jur. Sargeant Joseph Bixby Corporal Thomas Wilkins, Nathan Eames and John Andrews Jur. are chosen Selectmen and Assessors.

5th. Voted Cornet Jacob Perley Town Treasurer.

6th. Clerk Samuel Foster chosen Grandjuryman.

7th. Benjamin Porter and Job Tyler chose to serve on the Jury of Trials.

8th. Voted Cornelius Brown and John Stiles Tythingmen.

9th. Lieut. Joseph Hale, Ephraim Peabody, Daniel Kenney, Samuel Pickard, Jacob Smith and Benjamin Porter chosen Surveyors.

10th. Thomas Cummings and Thomas Redington chosen Fenceviewers

11th. John Peabody, William Martin, ~~and~~ Bray Wilkins, Jonathan Kenney, Jonathan Peabody, Thomas Pickard, Jacob Hale and Nathaniel Perkins are chosen Haywards or Field-drivers.

12th. Voted to seat the Meetinghouse anew.

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13th Sargeant Joseph Bixby, Deacon Jonathan Fowler and Sargeant Luke Hovey are chose a Committee to wait the Meetinghouse.

14th Ephraim Dorman chose Sealer of Weights and Measures.

15th Put to vote, to see if the town would do any thing to obtain a title to the ten acres of land that Mr. Rogers is possessed of and it passed in the negative

16th Put to vote, to see whether the town would allow any thing to the Selectmen for their service in the prudential affairs of the town, and it passed in the negative.

17th Voted to have a Schoolmaster in the Town the year ensuing.

At a legal Town-meeting, held in Boston the 13th of May 1720.

1st Voted Sargeant Joseph Bixby, Moderator for said Meeting;

2nd Lieut. Joseph Hale chosen Representative to serve at the General Court on the 25th of this instant to be holden at ~~the Court~~ House in Boston.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford on the 7th of November 1720.

1st Lieutenant Thomas Perley chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Voted to allow Ephraim Dorman, for sweeping the Meetinghouse the year past, twenty shillings.

3d Voted, that Ephraim Dorman should procure a lock and key for the Meetinghouse door, and put it on upon the Towns cost.

4th Voted to allow Stephen Peabody three shillings for getting persons, that were warned out of town, entered in the County records.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 14th of March 1720.[21] for the choosing of all Town Officers for the year ensuing.

1st Sargeant Joseph Bixby chosen Moderator for the present meeting.

2nd Voted Thomas Perley Junr Town Clerk.

3d Voted Daniel Kenney and John Rumball Junr Constables.

4th Voted Sargeant Joseph Bixby, Thomas Jewett, Thomas Cummings, Richard Peabody and Nathan Peabody to be Selectmen and Assessors.

Voted.

5th. Voted Clerk Samuel Foster Town Treasurer.

6th. Voted to allow Cornet Jacob Perley three pounds ten shillings for serving as Town-Treasurer the year last past.

7th. Voted Nathaniel Symonds, Thomas Redington, Joseph Eames, Clerk Stephen Peabody, Corporal Thomas Wilkins Surveyors of Highways.

8th. Voted Corporal Richard Kimball and Cornelius Balch Tythingmen.

9th. Voted John Fiske and Jonathan Bixby Fenceviewers.

10th. Voted James Black, Ephraim Peabody, Joseph Hale Jur. Ezekiel Jewett, John Gould and James Curtice Hogreves.

11th. Voted, that the Inhabitants that live in the upper end of our town, shall have liberty to set up a Pound where they shall see cause, provided they do it upon their own cost and charge.

12th. Voted, that the Inhabitants that near John Wood's shall have free liberty to set up a Pound upon Clerk Stephen Peabody's land

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by John Woods, provided they do it upon their own cost and charge.

13th. Voted, that the Inhabitants that live on the south side of the Brook, shall have free liberty to set up a pound where they shall see cause, provided they do it upon their own cost and charge.

14th. Voted, that the Inhabitants that live near Mr. Samuel Symonds', shall have liberty to set up a Pound near said Symonds' where they thinks fit, provided they do it upon their own cost and charge.

15th. Voted Capt. John Tyler Grandjurymen, and Sargeant Luke Hovey and John Wood to serve on the Jury of Trials.

16th. Voted to free James Scales from paying eighteen Shillings and four pence which he is rated in Jeremiah Perley's List.

17th. Voted, that the Selectmen shall hire a Schoolmaster.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Bradford the 12th of May 1721.

1st. Voted Lieut. Thomas Perley Moderater for said Meeting.

2nd. Voted Lieut. Joseph Hale Representative for to serve them at the General Court.

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3d. Voted, that the Selectmen shall have full power of themselves, or to employ an Agent or Agents, whom they think fit, to prosecute the Selectmen of Topsfield for their neglect in their not perambulating or renewing the line between Topsfield and Boxford, and all the cost they are at in doing said Service, shall be paid them by the town.

At a Legal town-meeting held in Boxford on the 9th day of August 1721.

1st Voted Sargeant Joseph Bixby Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Lieut. Joseph Hale chosen by the town to Represent them at a Great and General Court to be holden at the Town House in Boston on the 23d of this instant month.

Also, Capt. John Tyler, Sargeant Samuel Symonds, Clerk Samuel Foster, Cornet Jacob Perley and John Wood are chosen a Committee to seat the Meetinghouse; also, the town voted, that those young men undernamed, should have liberty to build a seat behind

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the third seat in the front gallery upon their own cost, and have the privilege of setting in it, provided that they take to themselves a suitable number to fill the seat.

James Black,
Moses Gould,
Moses Bixby,
Samuel Cummings,
Samuel Foster,
Joshua Andrews,
Daniel Worster,
Thomas Perley,
David Foster,
Aaron Kimball,
Daniel Wood,
Francis Perley,
Abner Hale.

Also, the town voted, that a suitable number of our young women shall have liberty to build a seat over the Womens gallery stairs upon their cost, and they to have the privilege of setting in it, provided that they take a suitable number to fill the seat; also, the town voted, that a suitable number of our young men shall have liberty to build a seat over the mens gallery stairs upon their own cost, provided they take a suitable number to fill the seat, and they to have privilege of setting in it.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 20th of September 1721.

1st Voted Lieut. Thomas Perley Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd James Black and Corporal Timothy Dorman chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at Newbury Court the 26th of this instant.

3d Voted to receive their proportion of the fifty thousand pounds of Province bills last granted by the General Court, for every town in the province to take their respective proportion of said Bills.

4th Voted, that the Trustees that are chosen by the town, to let out the aboversaid Province Bills for the use of the towre, shall not let any man have above twenty pounds, nor let any man have less than five pounds of the aboversaid Bills of credit.

5th Voted, that the said Bills shall be let out at five per cent.

6th Voted, that the Trustees shall meet the first Monday in the first month after they have received the above said Bills of credit and the first

first Monday in every month until all said Bills are let out.

7th The town made choice of Thomas Perley Jun.r and Lieut. Joseph Hale and Lieut. Thomas Perley for their Trustees, for to receive of the province Treasurer, two hundred and twenty eight pounds of the province bills of credit, which is their respective proportion of the fifty thousand pounds granted by the General Court in the year 1720.

8th Voted, that the seaters which were chosen last to seat the Inhabitants of the town, are directed to seat persons according to the rates which they have paid the three last years past, excepting poll money.

9th Voted, that all swine shall go at large from the fifteenth of November next, till the first of next March.

October the 16th day 1721. The Selectmen of Boxford being apprised of the want of a way to the Meetinghouse, though they petitioned at Newbury Court have no way, came to the Selectmen to petition for it this year— We the Selectmen of Boxford have laid out a way

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for David Wood and Jacob Wood and Jonathan Kimball, Samuel Stopford, Samuel Tyler, Benjamin Foster - beginning at Jacob Wood's corner where Andover-road and Bradford road meet to Cornet Perley's and Wood's Mill-dam, and so over said Mill dam to a white oak-tree marked in Jacob Wood's land, and so to a white oak-tree marked upon the side of a ridge as straight as the land will allow, and from thence as straight as the land will allow to a yellow oak marked by the road to the Meetinghouse from Tyler's; and from thence as the way is now improved, to the new Bridge over cold water meadow-swamp, and so over said Bridge, as the way is now improved to the Meetinghouse - the way from Jacob Wood's corner to the Road from Tyler's, is to be a private horse way laid out by us the Selectmen for Boxford 1721.

Joseph Kimby,
Thomas Jewett,
Thomas Cummings,
Richard Peabody.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 27th of October 1721.

1st Sergeant Joseph Bixby chose Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Voted, that Ephraim Dorman should be paid twenty shillings for sweeping the Meetinghouse and keeping the key the year past.

3d Voted, that Benjamin Foster should have three shillings and sixpence for his work assisting Constable Kimball to carry George White to Rowley.

4th Put to vote, to see whether the town would have a town highway laid out from the Meetinghouse to the lower end of the Four-mile pond, so on to Andover road, and to pay all the cost and damage, and it passed in the Negative.

5th The town voted, that they would have no town-highway laid out from the Meetinghouse by the lower end of Four-mile pond to Andover road upon the Towns cost and charge.

6th Voted to build a Pew at the east end of the Meetinghouse under the Womens gallery-stairs upon the towns cost and charge, not cutting the womens seats.

7th Voted to allow Ebenezer Taylor sixteen shillings

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and his son Samuel Tyler one shilling for assisting Constable John Thirnball in removeing of George White and his mother out of town.

6th Put to vote, to see whether the town would allow John Chadwick pray for the dammage he received by a Way that the Selectmen laid out through his land, and it passed in the negative.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Bradford the 5th of December 1721.

1st Sargeant Joseph Kirby chose Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town voted to prosecute the town of Rowley, or the Selectmen, for their sending the widow Lydia White and her daughter Dorithy White to our Constable, whom they were legally carried to Rowley by a Warrant from a Justice of the Peace.

3d The town voted, that the Selectmen, or whom they shall appoint, shall prosecute the towne, or the Selectmen of Rowley upon the towns cost, for their sending, or causing to be sent, the Widow Lydia White and

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and her daughter Dorothy White to our Boarding table, and leaving them there to be a charge to our Town).

4th The Town voted, That the Selectmen shall lay a rate of Forty five pounds for the defraying of Town charges.

At a Legal Town-meeting, held in Branford the 13th of March 1721-2 for the choosing of all Town Officers for the year ensuing.

1st Lieut. Thomas Perley chose Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Thomas Perley Jun. chosen Town Clerk.

3d Henry Wilkins chosen Constable for the south side of the Town.

4th Jonathan Tyler chosen Constable for the north side of the Town.

5th Corporal Timothy Dorman, Sergeant Jeremiah Perley, Corporal John Chadwick, Thomas Rockington and Sergeant Samuel Symonds are chosen Selectmen and Assessors.

6th Clerk Samuel Foster chose Town Treasurer.

7th Nathan Peabody chose Sealer of Weights and Measures.

8th James Stuart, Benj. Wilkins Jonathan Peabody,

Nathaniel

Nathaniel Perkins and Corporal Moses Tyler chose Surveyors of Highways.

9th. Ephraim Dorman and Ebenezer chosen Fenceviewers.

10th. John Wood and John Symonds are chose Tythingmen.

11th. John Fiske, Jonathan Kirby William Clark, Jonathan Foster, Matthew Bateman and Jacob Hale are chose Hogreeves.

12th. Deacon Timothy Foster chose to serve on the Grandjury.

13th. John Andrews Jur. and Job Tyler are chose to serve on the Jury of Trials.

14th. Ephraim Dorman chose to take care to sweep the Meetinghouse and to keep the key the ensuing year.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford April the 11th, 1722.

1st Chose Lieut. Thomas Perley Moderator.

2nd Chose Thomas Rockington Town Clerk for the day.

3d Voted, that the Selectmen should take care of the Widow White upon the towns cost and charge.

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4th Put to vote to raise Mr. Rogers' Salary to ninety or a hundred pounds annually, and it passed in the Negative.

5th Put to vote whether Swine should go at large this year and it passed on the Negative.

6th Voted, that the Selectmen should take care to procure a School-master for this year.

7th Voted, there should be six places in the town provided by the Selectmen to keep the School in.

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At a legal Town meeting held in Boxford the 9th of May 1722.

1st Sargeant Joseph Bixby chose Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Lieut Joseph Hale chose Representative to serve at the General Court.

3d. Voted, that upon ~~consid~~eration of Lieut. Hale's meeting with so much loss and damage the last year, by reason of his having the small-pox, to give him ten pounds and let him have it as soon as may be.

4th Put to vote to see if the town would add ten pounds to Mr. Rogers' yearly Salary

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and it passed in the Negative.

5th Put to vote, to see if the town would give Mr. Rogers twenty pounds, and it passed on the Negative.

6th Put to vote, to see if the town would give Mr. Rogers ten pounds to supply his wants, and it passed on the Negative.

Boxford July the 27th, 1722.

Then we the Subscribers, Selectmen of the town of Boxford, by the desire of several persons, met together and laid out a town way from Andover road, turning out of said road in the Parsonage where the old path goes, at a black oak-tree marked, on the westerly side of said Highway running thro' the Parsonage as the trees are marked on the westerly side over the brook at the lower end of the Four-mile pond, so running in the old path as the trees are marked on the westerly side of said Highway, through land of Stephen Peabody, Richard Peabody, George Bixby and Ebenezer Kimball by the easterly end of said

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Thimball's House, and so on on the path goeth to the Meeting house, which way was formerly laid out by Selectmen of Boxford; but there being some defect in the recording, caused us to confirme or lay it out again. Timothy Dorrance, Jeremiah Perley, John Chadwick, Thomas Redington } The Selectmen of Boxford

At a Legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 10th of September 1722.

1st Sargeant Joseph Bixby chose Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Edward Hazen and John Wood chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at Newbury Court the last Tuesday of this instant.

3d Voted to allow Constable John Thimball two pounds five shillings and nine pence for attending the Courts at Ipswich and Salem in a cause concerning the Widow Lydia White.

4th Voted to allow said Constable Thimball and his assistants for carrying George White to Ipswich prison

5th Voted to allow Samuel Spofford one pound fifteen shillings for five days service and

expence

expence in attending the Court at Ipswich and Salem concerning the Widow White's cause.

6th Voted to allow Corporal Timothy Dorman three shillings and eight pence for a day to Court concerning the Widow White.

7th Voted to allow George Bixby eleven shillings for service in waiting at Ipswich Court concerning Lydia White's cause.

8th Voted, that the interest of the towns money that was put into the Trustees hands to let out, for said Towns, shall be delivered into the Town Treasurers hands for the defraying Towne charges.

9th Put to vote, to see if the Town would raise Mr. Rogers's Salary, and it passed on the Negative.

10th The towne chose Corporal Timothy Dorman, Clerk Samuel Foster and Corporal John Chadwick to be a Committee to settle the line between our Parsonage farm and all the proprietors land that borders upon said Parsonage.

Voted

11th Voted, that hogs should go at large without yokes from the first of October next until the first of next March, provided they are always kept well ringed.

12th The town chose Thomas Rodington for their School master this year, to learn persons to read, write and cypher.

At a Legal town meting held in Boxford the 26th of February 1722/3

1st Voted Sargeant Joseph Bixby Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Put to vote, to see whether the town would add any thing to Mr. Rogers' Salary, and it passed in the Negative.

3d Put to vote, to see if the town would give Mr. Rogers ten pounds to supply his present necessity, and it passed in the Negative.

4th Voted to give Lieut. Hale ten pounds which was voted the 9th of May 1722. which was not then put into the Warrant; but is now legally confirmed at the meeting.

5th Voted to allow John Wood four shillings and six pence for mending the Meetinghouse glass.

Voted.

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6th Voted to allow Samuel Foster town-treasurer twelve shillings.

7th Voted to allow Ephraim Dorman one pound six shillings and eight pence for sweeping the Meetinghouse and keeping the key for a year and four months last past.

Bonford February the 28th, 1722-3.

Then we the Subscribers met together to consider, and confirm or lay out some private ways where they are most convenient and necessary for the use of the Inhabitants of said Town - by reason of the records of our Townways being defective, some taking occasion to stop and turn them at their pleasure, and the consideration, that there is a good parsonage-farm in our town, devoted by our Fathers, to the Town of Rowley, for the use of the Minister in our town, and there being a way, formerly laid out by Selectmen of Bonford, to said Parsonage farm, which is wholly stopped up, which

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is about half a mile nearer for our Minister to come at said Parsonage farm than any other way, and for a considerable number of our Inhabitants to come to meeting; also, for a great part of our Inhabitants to go to Bradford, and which will be of less charge than any other way to accommodate them — We have therfore laid out a private way for the use of the Inhabitants of our Town, said Way being two rods wide from the house our Minister lives in as the path now leads and on the easterly side the bounds hereafter mentioned over the undivided land of some of our proprietors, then over the land of John Bruzwell, Ebenezer Kimball, George Kimby, Stephen Peabody and Richard Peabody till it comes to the Brook running out of the Fourmile pond, so called, so over the said Brook across the Parsonage farm, so to Andover Road — the bounds are as follows viz. from the House our Minister lives in by the

fence

fence side to the east end of Ebenezer Kimball's House, so on to a marked white oak tree near George Bixby's barne, so on to a great red oak stump with stones about it, so on to two red oak trees growing together, marked, so on to a stump with stones about it by George Bixby's gate near the line between George Bixby and the Peabodys land, so on to a black oak-tree marked, so on to another black oak-tree marked, so on to a marked white oak-tree, so on to another white oak-tree marked, so on to a black oak-tree marked, so on to a walnut-tree marked, near the aforesaid Brook, so on over the Fordway of said Brook to where the hill is steep, so on over the bridge to a black oak-tree where the said Way enters into the highway that leads from Andover to Ipswich.

Also, in the consideration of the Inhabitants in the upper end of our towne, living remote from meeting, and there being no way orderly laid out and settled to accommodate them—we have therefore laid out a private way

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two rods wide for the use of the Inhabitants of our town, which will be of less charge to accommodate the Inhabitants of the upper end of our town then any way that in any measure has been laid out for them, which Way turns out of the highway that leads from Andover to Ipswich near the easterly end of Jonathan Tyler's fence and so on the path leads on the northeasterly side of all the bounds hereafter mentioned, over land of Doctor David Wood, Capt. Thomas Perley, Jacob Wood and Stephen Peabody until it comes to the aforesaid way that leads from the house our Minister lives in, to the Parsonage farm - the bounds are as followeth, beginning at a marked white oak-tree near the easterly end of said Jonathan Tyler's fence, so on to another white oak-tree marked, so on to a little black oak-tree marked, so on to another black oak-tree marked, so on to a marked red oak-tree, so on to a black oak stump with stones about it, so on to a black

oak

oak-tree marked, so on to another black oak-tree marked on Stephen Peabody's land near the northwesterly end of a ridge, which ridge is between a swamp and a meadow, called Springcove, which ridge has a deep ditch dug through it, and so on as the path leads over said Ridge to a white oak-tree marked, where the path enters into the aforesaid Way leading from the house our Minister lives in to the Parsonage farm.

Timothy Dorman,
Jeremiah Perley,
John Chadwick,
Thomas Redington,
} The Selectmen of Boxford.

Boxford March 7th 1722/3.

Then we the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Boxford, being met together, and considering the necessity of the way hereafter mentioned, and that the records of the ways in our town are deficient, thought it proper to proceed as follows, and accordingly have laid out a

private

private horse way for the use of the Inhabitants of said Haven, from our Meetinghouse over the land of Thomas Redington, Timothy Dorman, Ephraim Dorman, Richard Peabody and Lieut. Joseph Hale, as the path leads from our Meetinghouse over a little stone bridge, so on by or near a Meadow or swamp, called the meadow among the hills, so on over a brook, called Pye-brook, at a bridge near Richard Peabody's house, so on as the path leads to said Peabody's by the easterly end of said House; from thence running easterly to a fence standing between the land of Lieut. Hale and Richard Peabody, so on by said Fence on the easterly side of said Peabody's land while it comes to a gate in said Fence; then going through said fence and entering on to the land of said Hale, so on, going northerly by said Fence, on the westerly side of said Hale's land till it enters into the road leading from Andover to Ipswich

Timothy Dorman,
Jeremiah Perley,
John Chadwick,
Thomas Redington,
} The Selectmen of Boxford.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Dunstable the 12th of March 1722/3. for the choosing of all town Officers for the year ensuing.

1st. Sargeant Joseph Bixby chosen Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Thomas Perley Junr chosen Town Clerk.

3d Nathan Peabody and Nathan Parker chosen Constables.

4th Sargeant Joseph Bixby, Clerk Stephen Peabody, Sargeant Samuel Symonds, Lieut. Thomas Perley and John Turnbull chosen Selectmen and Assessors.

5th Sargeant Luke Hovey chose Grandjurymen, and Daniel Kenney and Sarjt. Jeremiah Perley are chosen to serve on the Jury of Trials at Ipswich Court the last Tuesday of this instant.

6th Jacob Smith and John Fiske chosen Tythingmen.

7th Joseph Symonds, Richard Peabody Jonathan Foster and Francis Elliot senior are chosen Surveyors of Highways.

8th Thomas Cummings and Robert Andrews chosen Fence viewers.

9th Francis Elliot Junr and and Jacob Wood are chosen Hogreeves.

10th Clerk Samuel Foster chose Town Treasurer.

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11th Nathan Peabody chosen Sealer of Weights and Measures.

12th Put to vote, to see whether the town would grant the request of the Inhabitants of the lower end of our town, which now petition, that they may be set off from our town, and join with part of Andover Inhabitants and some of Salem, and some of Topsfield, that are joining upon them, for to build a Meetinghouse among them, and it passed in the Negative.

13th The town did choose and impower Lieut. Stephen Peabody for their agent at the next Inferior Court to be holden at Ipswich for to answer to a presentment against our town for our not having a grammer Schoolmaster among us.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 2nd of May 1723.

1st Lieut. Joseph Hale was chose Moderator.

2nd Lieut. Joseph Hale chosen Representative to serve at the great and General Court to be holden at Boston the latter end of this month.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 17th of September 1723.

The town chose Capt. Thomas Perley and Corporal Samuel Standley to serve on the Jury of Tryals at Newbury Court the 25th of this instant.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 16th of December 1723.

1st The town chose Ensign David Peabody Moderator for said Meeting. -

2nd The town voted to provide a Grammer School-Master to serve the town in four parts or places, as the town shall see fit.

3d The town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley and Sargeant Samuel Symonds for to procure a grammer School-master as soon as possibly they can with conveniency, to serve the town the year ensuing, and to do it upon the Towns cost and charge.

4th The town voted to adjourn the meeting to the 27th of this instant. ——

Upon an adjournment from a legal town-meeting held in Boxford the 16th

December

December 1723. to the 2d of the same instant, December.

5th Voted to divide the town into two parts, according to the Constables lists that they gather rates by.

6th Voted to divide the North side of the town into two parts, the lower part to extend so far upward as to take in Jacob Wood and Jonathan Kimball, and no further.

7th Voted to allow Corporal Ephraim Bowman sixteen shillings and eight pence for sweeping the Meetinghouse and keeping the key two months last past.

8th Voted to allow Cornet Stephen Peabody four shillings for getting persons entered in the Court records, that were warned out of town.

9th Voted to allow Sargeant Samuel Symonds and Sargeant Jeremiah Perley two shillings a piece, for getting persons entered in the Court records, that were warned out of town.

At a Legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 13th of January 1723/4.

1st. Lieut. Joseph Hale chose Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Ensign David Peabody, Sergeant Luke Hovey and Doctor David Wood a Committee, and have fully empowered them to join with such Gentlemen as Bradford shall choose and impower to settle the line between Bradford and Boxford according to the ancient grants.

3d Voted to pay Corporal Ephraim Dorman five pounds ten shillings for to keep the Widow Prescott six months, from this day forward, and to pay for sickness and mourning, if she should stand in need.

4th The town chose and impowered Sergeant Joseph Bixby and Corporal Ephraim Dorman for to sell the Widow Prescott's goods to the highest bidder on the twentieth day of this instant, at one of the clock in the afternoon. — — —

5th The town voted that the Selectmen should

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lay a rate of eighty pounds to be paid into the town Treasurer, for the defraying of town charge.

6th Voted to pay Clerk Foster, the Town treasurer, twelve shillings for his serving the town.

At a legal town meeting held in Bradford the 16th day of March 1723/4 to choose town Officers for the year ensuing, and to do other business that was specified in the Warrant.

1st The town chose Joseph Hale Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Ensign David Peabody, Stephen Peabody, Daniel Rhoney, Simothy Stiles and Nathaniel Perkins Select men and Assessors for the year ensuing.

3d The town chose Ephraim Peabody and Jacob Smith Constables for the year ensuing.

4th The town chose Joseph Hale Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

5th The town chose Thomas Cummings, Thomas Jewett, Nathaniel Hardy and Edward Nicholes for Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing.

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6th The towne chose Thomas Redington and John Stiles Jur. for Fence viewers for the year ensuing. And Nathan Peabody Sealer of Weights and Measures.

The town, also chose Timothy Foster and John Shimball Scythingmen for the year ensuing. The town chose Samuel Foster Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

The towne also, chose Ephraim Dorman to sweep the Meetinghouse and to keep the key for the year ensuing.

The towne, also, chose Francis Elliot Jur. and John Fiske and Samuel Cole and Aaron Brown Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

The Town chose Mr. Samuel Symonds and Mr. Daniel Kenney to go to any Court or Courts, for to petition any Court or Courts, or, to complain to any Court or Courts, or to appeal, or to review, or to prosecute in any way or manner that they, in their wisdom shall think fit to prevent ~~the~~ charge of that way which was laid out by Jeremiah Perley, Thomas Redington and others in the year 1722/3 over George Kirby's

land.

land and Stephen Peabody's land by the lower end of the Fourmile pond to Andover road, in the place where the town hath formerly voted that they would have no way laid out upon their cost and charge to endeavour to prevent the cost and charge of the abovementioned way from being laid on our town.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford May 13th 1724.

1st The town Samuel Symmonds Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Joseph Hale their Representative to represent them at the great and General Court or assembly to be holden at Boston the 27th of this instant.

3d. The town chose David Peabody, David Wood and Stephen Peabody to join with Bradford Committee to settle the bounds between Boxford and Bradford.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 23 day of November 1724.

1st The town chose Stephen Peabody Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town voted to allow John Gefferds nine shillings and six pence to pay him the

remainder

remainder that was due to him for keeping of the Widow Prescott.

3d. The towne voted to allow Samuel Foster, Towntreasurer twelve shillings, for serving the towne as treasurer in the year 1724.

4th The towne voted to allow Lieut. Thomas Perley and Samuel Symmonds ten shillings for providing of the towne with a Schoolmaster, and fetching him from Salem.

5th The towne voted to allow Samuel Symmons and Daniel Kenney, five pounds nineteen shillings and one penny for their service and expence in attending at the Court, to endeavor the preventing of the charges and cost of the Highway that was laid over Stephen Peabody's land and others, from being laid on the towne

6th Voted, that the Selectmen shall make a towne rate of eighty pounds to defray towne charges.

7th The towne, that they would have a way laid out from the bridge near Carill's House over Ipswich-river to our Meetinghouse

Voted.

8th Voted, that there shall be a way laid out from Joseph Bixby's house to Topsfield line.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 5th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1724/5

1st The town chose Samuel Symonds Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Joseph Hale was chosen Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

3d The town chose Stephen Peabody, John Stiles Senior, John Symonds, Joseph Hale Junior and Jonathan Tyler Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

4th The town chose Jacob Wood and James Gurbie Constables for the year ensuing.

5th George Bixby, John Stiles Junr and Thomas Wilkins are chosen Surveyors for the year ensuing.

6th The town chose Timothy Dorman and John Wood Tythingmen for the year ensuing.

7th The town chose Nathan Peabody Sealer of Weights and Measures.

8th Jacob Perley Junr and Samuel Gould were chosen Hogreeves.

9th Jonathan Bixby, John Bixby and John Peabody were chose Fenceviewers for the year ensuing

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10th The Town voted Thomas Pickard Ten shillings for entertaining the widow Carey about ten days.

11th The Town voted to allow twenty pounds towards repairing of Mr. Rogers' House.

12th The Town voted to give Mr. Rogers a quarterly contribution.

13th The Widow Dorman was made choice of to take care of the Meetinghouse and to keep the key.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Stowford May the 12th, 1725.

The Town chose Ensign David Peabody Moderator for said Meeting.

The Town chose Joseph Hale their Representative, to represent them at the great and General Court for the year ensuing.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Stowford September the 10th, 1725.

1st The Town chose Ens.n David Peabody Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd It was put to the vote, to see if the Town would choose a man to provide the Town with a Schoolmaster; and it passed in the affirmative.

3d The Town chose John Symonds to provide a

a Schoolmaster for the town the year ensuing.

4th The town chose Joseph Symonds and Thomas Wilkins to join with a Committee chose by Topsfield to view the Bridge over Ipswich River at the southerly end of our town near Carrill's House, to see if it needs rebuilding, and in case it does, for to do the work upon the towns cost and charge.

5th The town chose Corporal John Andrews to agree with a glazier to mend the glass windows of our Meetinghouse, and to repair the seats, and to do some other small repairs that may be judged needful.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 7th day of December 1725.

1st The town made choice of Capt. Thomas Perley Moderator for that meeting.

2nd The town voted to allow John Andrews three pounds eleven shillings and three pence for repairing the Meetinghouse.

3d The town voted to allow Samuel Foster twelve shillings for his service as Town Treasurer in the year 1724. And then the Moderator adjourned the meeting till Tuesday the 21st day of this instant at twelve o'clocks to meet at our meetinghouse.

At an adjournment of said Meeting, the town allowed the Widow Dorman twenty shillings for sweeping the Meetinghouse for 1724.

2nd The town voted to allow Jacob Hale five pounds for keeping the widow Prescott from August the 3d to December, the 21st day.

3d. The town voted to give John Rogers twenty five pounds to keep School the year ensuing, provided, he may be approbated as the Law directs.

4th The town allowed John Symonds thirteen shillings for providing the town with a Schoolmaster these last three months.

Capt. Thomas Perley, the Moderator, asserted to the truth of the several votes above entered.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford March the 8th 1725/6.

1st The town chose Ensign David Peabody Moderator for said Meeting

2nd The town chose Joseph Hale Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

3d The town chose Joseph Symonds and Benjamin Perley Constables for the year ensuing.

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4th The towne chose Thomas Jewell, Ensign David Peabody, Robert Andrews, Jacob Hale and Thomas Pedington Selectmen for the year ensuing

The towne chose the present Selectmen Assessors for the year ensuing.

5th The towne chose John Andrews Townstreasurer for the year ensuing.

6th The towne chose William Bradford, John Cole, John Williams, John Stiles Jun.r and Francis Elliot Jun.r Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing.

The towne chose John Kimball, Zebediah Foster, Nathaniel Symmonds and Samuel Gould Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

The towne chose Nathan Peabody Clerk of the Market and Sealer of Weights and Measures.

The towne also chose Richard Peabody and Samuel Goodridge Scythingmen for the year ensuing.

The towne chose John Gefferds and Jonathan Pixby Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

At a legal Town meeting, held in Boxford May 10th, 1726.

1st The town chose Samuel Symonds Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Stephen Peabody their representative to represent them at the great and General Court.

3d The town voted, that they would repair Mr. Rogers' House.

4th It was put to the vote to see if the town would choose men to see the work effected, and it passed in the affirmative.

5th The town made choice of Thomas Sweetington, John Andrews, Junr. and Benjamin Porter to repair the outside of Mr. Rogers' House, and lay out ten pounds in repairing the inside of the said House - and to be done at the towns cost and charge.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford July 2nd, 1726.

The town chose John Symonds Moderator for said Meeting.

The town voted to allow seven pounds five shillings to Joseph Symonds and Thomas

Wilkins

Wilkins, for building one half of the bridge over Ipswich River at the southerly end of our town near Carrill's House.

The town voted to allow eight pounds to Jacob Hale of said Town for keeping of the Widow Prescott part of the year past.

The town voted to allow the widow Dorman two pounds ten shillings for sweeping the meeting house and keeping the key two years and five months last past; the town also, voted to allow Daniel Kenney one pound two shillings and five pence for attendance and expences at Ipswich Court in May last.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford March 11th, 1728.

1st The town chose Stephen Peabody Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Capt. Thomas Perley, Joseph Hale, Samuel Pickard, & Nathaniel Symonds and John How Selectmen for the year ensuing. The town, also, chose the Selectmen above mentioned Assessors for the year ensuing.

3d The town chose Joseph Hale Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

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4th The town chose Joseph Bixby and Richard Peabody Constables Constables for the year ensuing.

5th The town chose John Stiles Jun. Thomas Killam, Edward Nicholes, Nathaniel Perkins and Samuel Cole Surveyors for the year ensuing.

6th The town chose John Wood, Timothy Dorman and John Kimball Tything men for the year ensuing.

7th The town chose Thomas Redington and John Dorman Fence-viewers for the year ensuing.

The town also chose Nathan Peabody Clerk of the market to seal Weights and Measures.

The town also chose Thomas Andrews and John Andrews Hogreaves for the year ensuing.

The town also, chose Joseph Symmons Treasurer for said Town for the year ensuing; also, the town voted to abate the money which Abner Eames head was rated at in Constable Porters List.

The Petition of Samuel Symmons, John How and Francis Elliot with eleven or

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twelve others, praying, that they may be set off to join with others belonging to the neighbouring towns to be made into a seperate town, was put to vote, and it passed in the Negative.

At a Legal town-meeting, held in Boxford May the 12th, 1727.

1st The town chose Capt. Thomas Perley, Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley to serve them as Representative at the General Court or assembly the year ensuing.

3d It was put to the vote, to see if the town would give John Rogers twenty five pounds to keep School in Boxford the year ensuing, in case his father will give leave, and it passed in the affirmative.

4th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would buy the old part of the Barne that stands on the Parsonage farme, of William Smith, and it passed in the affirmative.

5th It was put to the vote, to see if the town

will

give William Smith fifteen pounds for the whole barn that stands on the Parsonage-farm, and it passed in the affirmative.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford June 16th, 1727.

1st The town chose John Stiles Moderator for for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Joseph Hale and Stephen Peabody to appear in the towns behalf, at the great and General Court now setting in Boston, to use all lawful endeavors to prevent the prayer of the petition of Francis Elliot, Daniel Kenney, Edward Nicholes and others to be set off to neighbour towns being granted.

At a lawful town-meeting, held in Boxford November 10th, 1727.

1st The town chose Thomas Jewett Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Stephen Peabody to serve them as Representative, to serve them at the Great and General Court.

3d. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would abate the peoples head money that live to the westerlyside of Breach-brook, and it past ed in the Negative.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford December 15th, 1729.

1st. The town chose Capt. Thomas Perley, Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town voted to allow the widow Martha Dorman two pounds for sweeping the Meetinghouse and keeping the key.

3d. The town voted to allow Lieut. Thomas Perley one pound one shilling and nine pence, for attendance at Salem Court, when the towne were presented for want of a Schoolmaster.

4th. The town voted to allow Stephen Peabody two pounds for his journey and tendance at the General Court in June last.

Then the town adjourned the meeting to next Tuesday comunate following.

The town met on the 26th current, to which time the meeting was adjourned.

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1st. The town voted to allow Samuel Symonds five pounds seventeen shillings for his expences and time in attending at four Courts in the towns business.

2nd. The town voted to allow Samuel Foster Towntreasurer, twenty shillings, for service done the town in that Office.

3d. The town voted to allow Daniel Kenney one pound three shillings and five pence, for his expences and time spent in attending at Court in the towns business.

4th. The town voted to abate the several Sums that Nathaniel Danford, Edmund Black, William Tyler and Amos Foster were set at in the several lists that were committed to Ephraim Peabody a former Constable to gather, amounting in the whole to four pounds one shilling and four pence.

5th. The town agreed and voted, that the Selectmen should make a town rate amounting to the sum of one hundred pounds for to defray town charges.

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6th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would abate the petitioners that move to be set off from our town to join with others to be a seperate township— their proportion to the Ministry rate for the year ensuing, and it passed in the Negative.

It was put to vote, to see if the town would allow Joseph Hale forty shillings for his attendance and expences at the General Court in June last in the towns business, and it passed in the negative.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford March 12th, 1720.

1st The town chose Stephen Peabody Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Joseph Hale, Thomas Cummings, Jacob Smith, Timothy Stiles and Moses Tyler Selectmen for the year ensuing— The town also, chose the Selectmen above named Assessors for the year ensuing.

3d The town chose Joseph Hale Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

The

4th The Town chose Robert Andrews and Nath-
aniel Perkins Constables for the year ensuing

5th Luke Hovey, Joseph Hale Jur. Nathaniel
Symonds and Francis Elliot Jur. were
chose Surveyors of Highways for the year
ensuing.

6th Timothy Dorman and Jacob Wood were
chose Sythingmen for the year ensuing.

7th John Bixby was chose Sealer of Leather
for the year ensuing.

Nathan Peabody was chose Clerk of the
Market, to seal Weights and Measures.

Thomas Redington and John Stiles Jur.
were chose Fence viewers for the year en-
suing. Amos Perley, Jacob Perley Jur.
John Hovey and Jonathan Sherwine,
Joseph Curtice and Samuel Gould were
chose Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

Joseph Symonds was chose Treasurer
for said Town for the year ensuing.

8th Whereas, the Selectmen of Boxford, to wit,
Jeremiah Perley, Thomas Redington and
others laid out a private way over George

Bixby's

Bixby's land, and over Stephen Peabody's land by the lower end of the Fourmile Pond to Andover road in the year 1722/3. in the very place where the town had formerly voted, to wit, on the 27th of October 1721. that they would have no town highway laid out upon the towns cost and charge and the town have, industriously endeavored, by their Attorneys at every Court since, where the said Way have been in agitation, to prevent the charge thereof being laid on our town. It was put to the vote, to see if town would null and discontinue the above said Way, it being unnecessary for the common good of our town, and it passed in the Affirmative.

9th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would set off the two ends of our town that have petitioned the town this day to be set off with their lands to all intents and purposes, and it passed in the Affirmative.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford April 2nd 1728.

1st The town chose Stephen Peabody Moderator for the said Meeting.

John

John Wood desired, that his dissent might be entered against the Towns proceeding to the choice of Trustees, to receive the Towns proportion of the sixty thousand pounds out of the Treasurer, in as much as the Act for granting the same is not as yet come to hand, which he supposes should be the rule to regulate the meeting.

2nd It was put to the vote, to see if the Town would accept of our proportion of the sixty thousand pounds granted the last Session of the General Court to be proportioned to the several towns in this province, and it passed in the affirmative.

3d The Town chose Mr. Stephen Peabody, Mr. Joseph Symonds and Mr. John Andrews Junr. for their Trustees to take out our proportion of the aforesaid sixty thousand pounds, agreeable to the act of the General Court.

4th It was voted, that the Trustees should let no man have more than twenty pounds of the aforesaid Money; nor none a less sum than

thom five pounds.

5th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would allow the Trustees, in case there should be any bills of credit lost in their hands, after one month is expired, after the first letting out of said bills, to let such as have had twenty pounds, have more, not exceeding twenty pounds, and it passed in the affirmative.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford, May 15th 1720.

The town chose Samuel Symonds Moderator for said Meeting.

The town chose Joseph Hale to serve for, and Represent them at the great and General Court for the year current.

The town also, chose Thomas Cummings, Robert Andrews and Jacob Hale a Committee to audit the Committees accounts who were employed by the town to repair Mr. Rogers' House.

It was also, put to the vote, to see if the town would exchange the duties of our lands and meadows which lay in Andover, for the duties of their lands and meadows which lay in our town, and it passed in the negative.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford. July 10th, 1720.

1st. The town chose Moses Tyler, Moderattor for said Meeting.

2nd. It was put to the vote, to see if the town wou'd give Mr. Rogers thirty pounds in bills of credit, and it passed in the affirmative.

3d. It was put to the vote to see if the town would choose Daniel Foster for their Schoolmaster for this present year, and it passed in the affirmative.

4th. It was put to the vote to see if the town would abate the several summs which John Chadwick's sons head was set at in Constable Porter's list, he being under age when the rates were made, and it passed in the affirmative.

5th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would abate the several summs that Josiah Black's head was set at, in Constable Porter's list, he being out of town when the rates were made, and it passed in the affirmative.

At a legal town meeting held in Boxford December 9th 1720.
The town chose Stephen Peabody Moderator for said Meeting.
It was put to the vote, to see if the town would adjourn the meeting to Monday next, at one of the clock, and it passed in the Affirmative, and the meeting was adjourned accordingly.
December 16th, 1720. the town met, and it was put to the vote, to see if the town would adjourn the meeting unto Monday next at one of the clock, and it passed in the Affirmative.
December 23d, 1720. the town met, and it was put to the vote, to see if the town would allow the Committees account, that was chose by the town to repair Mr. Rogers' house, towit, John Andrews, Benjamin Porter and Thomas Redington - the said account amounted to ninety nine pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, and it passed in the Affirmative.
24d It was put to the vote, to see if the town would allow Stephen Peabody twenty shillings for service done at the Court by endeavouring

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to prevent the town from being fined for want of a Schoolmaster, and it passed in the affirmative.

3d. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would allow Joseph Hale two pounds for service done at the great and General Court in June 1727. and it passed in the Affirmative.

4th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would order the Assessors to levy a town rate of sixty nine pounds to defray town charges, and it passed in the affirmative.

The town made choice of Jacob Smith to take care of the Meetinghouse doors and provide a good locks for the east door.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford March 11th, 1729.

1st The town chose Stephen Peabody, Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd Stephen Peabody, James Curtice, Jacob Smith Lieut. Jacob Perley and John Stiles Junr. are chosen Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

3d. The town chose Joseph Hale Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

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4th The town chose John Andrews Jest. and Joseph Hale Jst. Constables for the year ensuing.

Ezekiel Jewett, John Kimball, Samuel Gould and Thomas Andrews are chosen Surveyors for the year ensuing.

Richard Kimball and John Wood are chosen Sythingmen for the year ensuing.

Thomas Redington and Jonathan Peabody are chosen Fence viewers for the year ensuing.

John Kirby is chosen Sealer of Leather.

The Town chose Nathan Peabody Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Ephraim Kimball, John Killam and Richard Peabody were chose Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

Joseph Symonds was chosen Treasurer for the said Town for the year ensuing.

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would ratify and confirm a private way from Jacob Perley's land down by John Wood's house as it was formerly laid out to the Meeting house, and it passed in the Negative.

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would ratify and confirm a private way

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from Andover line as it is now improved down by the Andrews' to Topsfield line, and it passed in the Negative.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford May 12th, 1729.

1st The town chose Lieut. Jacob Perley Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Joseph Hale their Represent-ative to serve them at the great and General Court to be holden at Salem.

3d The town voted to allow Timothy Dorman, Thomas Cummings, Thomas Redington, Lieut. Jacob Perley, Jacob Smith, James Curtice and John Stiles Jus.- twenty-eight pounds fifteen shillings, to make up to the men, the money that were taken from them by execution March 14th, 1729.

The copy of a Warrant.

Boxford October 6th, 1729.

To Joseph Hale Constable of Boxford.

You are required, in his Majesties Name, to warn all the Inhabitants on the north side of our town, that are qualified according

to

to Law to vote in town meetings, to meet at our Meetinghouse on the third Tuesday of October instant, at one of the clock in the afternoon.

1st To see if the town will raise our Reverend Ministers Salarry forty pounds, more or less yearly, which addition to rise and fall in proportion to the rising and falling of the value of province Bills, and when provision shall become as cheap as when he settled among us, then the said addition to abate.

2nd Being desired by a number of the Inhabitants of our town to put the following article in to the warrant for this meeting, that is, to see if the town will raise our Reverend Ministers Sallary from eighty pounds a year, to one hundred and thirty pounds a year, or more or less as the town shall think best, and bring it to a certainty, so, that both Minister and People may be safe. And, for as much as our Province Bills are so depreciated, that twenty shillings of them will purchase but one ounce of silver to give what they please for.

for the year ensuing, and so many pounds as they shall give for the year ensuing, the equivelent of so many ounces of silver to be paid him yearly, in such specie as shall pass for a medium of trade during the time that he caries on the work of the ministry in our town, provided, that he give up to the town, all his right and interest in the Parsonage farm which he is in possession of in our town.

3d. To say how big the town rate shall be, and to allow bills of charge— and to say what shall be done about Thos. Gallop and to choose a man or men to build a pound, and to see if the town will choose a Committee to settle the way from Thomas Andrews' Barn to Topsfield line and to agree with the owners of the land— And hereof fail not to make return to us at time and place.

Jacob Smith,
Stephen Peabody,
James Curtice,
John Miles Jus.
} Selectmen of Boxford.

At a Legal town-meeting, held in Boxford October 21st. 1729.

1st. The town chose Lieut. Jacob Perley Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would raise our Reverend ministers Salary forty pounds yearly, which addition to rise and fall in proportion to the rising and falling of the value of province bills; and when provision should become as cheap as when he settled among us, then the said addition to abate, and it passed in the affirmative.

3d. It was put to vote, to see if the town would allow Constable John Andrews twenty shillings for serving the town as Treasurer for one year, and sixteen shillings and eight pence for carrying Thomas Gallop out of town, and it passed in the affirmative.

4th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would allow Jacob Smith four shillings, for a journey to Salem for a copy of the Warrant by virtue of which Thomas Gallop was warned out of town, and it passed in the affirmative.

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At a Legal town-meeting, held in Boxford March 16th. 1729/30.

1st The town chose John Symmonds Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Joseph Hale, Joseph Symmonds, Lieut. Thomas Perley, Thomas Andrews and John Wood Selectmen for the year ensuing- the town also, chose the present Selectmen Assessors for the year ensuing.

3d The town chose Joseph Hale Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

4th The town chose Nathaniel Symmonds and Samuel Cole Constables for the year ensuing.

The town chose Thomas Redington and Richard Kimball Tythingmen for the year ensuing.

The town also, chose Jonathan Peabody and John Dorman Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

The town chose Luke Hovey, Samuel Spofford, Matthew Boutwell, Nathan Peabody and John Andrews Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing. John Bowzwell Jus. and Joseph Curtice are chosen Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

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John Kimby was chosen Sealer of Leather.

John Dorman was chosen Sealer of Weights and Measures. The Town also chose Samuel Goodridge to keep the Meetinghouse key and to sweep it, and take care of the Meetinghouse doors. Joseph Symonds was chose Pound-keeper for the year ensuing. And in as much as Thomas Gallop is returned back again into our Town, after he was warned to depart out of said Town, and carried out by the Constable by virtue of a Warrant from a Justice of the Peace as the Law directs, The Town have chosen Cornet Stephen Peabody to prosecute the said Thomas Gallop as a vagabond, or to prosecute the affair in any other method as he shall think proper to prevent the charge of the said Gallop's support for the future being laid on our Town.

It was put to the vote, to see if the Town would impower the Selectmen to draw what money, out of the Treasury, they shall think needful to defray the charges of the above said Prosecution, and it passed in the Affirmative.

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would allow the widow Dorman two pounds ten shillings for keeping the Meetinghouse key and sweeping the said House the two last years and it passed in the affirmative.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford May 13th 1730.

1st The town chose Joseph Hale their Representative to serve them in the great and General Court to be holden at Cambridge the 27th of May current.

2nd The town chose Stephen Peabody Moderator for the present meeting.

3d It was put to the vote, to see if the town would mill the private way that was formerly laid out through Doctor David Wood's field by his house, that was formerly Nathaniel Peabody's, and it passed in the affirmative

4th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would direct the Selectmen to lay out another way to accommodate that neighbourhood, and it passed in the negative.

5th It was put to the vote, to see if the town

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would choose a Committee to join with such as Topsfield shall choose and impower to settle the line betwixt Topsfield and Boxford, and it passed in the affirmative.

The town chose Sarjt. Thomas Perley, Mr. John Symmonds and Capt. Thomas Perley to attend the above said Service, and have impowered them to settle and renew the bounds betwixt the said Towns according to the Resolve of the General Court.

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would lay all those families that dwell on the south side of Ry-brook, including Stephen Peabody and Joseph Stickney to the south side of our town, and it passed in the affirmative.

At a Legal town-meeting, held in Boxford, December 14th, 1736.

1st. The town chose Timothy Dorman Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd It was put to the vote, to see if the town would build a new Meetinghouse, and it passed in the Negative.

3d. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would

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enlarge the Meetinghouse, and it passed in the Negative.

4th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would repair the Meetinghouse, and it passed in the affirmative.

5th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would allow John Stiles two shillings for mending the seats in the Meetinghouse, and it passed in the affirmative.

6th The town chose Nathan Peabody Treasurer for the year current.

7th The town voted that there should be a town rate made of one hundred pounds to defray town charges.

At a legal Town-meeting, held in Boxford March 9th 1730/31

1st The town chose Timothy Dorman Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Thomas Redington Town-Clerk for the year ensuing.

3d The town chose Joseph Symonds, Stephen Peabody, Thomas Cummings, Jacob Smith and Samuel Foster Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

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4th. The town chose Samuel Pickard and Lieut. Thomas Perley, Constables for the year ensuing.

5th. The town chose Nathaniel Perkins and Capt. John Tyler Sythingmen for the year ensuing.

6th. They chose Lieut. Jacob Perley Town-Treasurer for the year ensuing.

7th. They chose John Dorman Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.

8th. They chose John Bixby Sealer of Leather for the year ensuing.

9th. They chose Caleb Brown, Joseph Barnes, Robert Andrews and Jacob Perley Jun. Surveyors of Ways for the year ensuing.

10th. The town chose Jonathan Peabody and Jonathan Bixby Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

11th. The town chose James Curtice and Oliver Andrews Hogreevers for the year ensuing.

12th. Put to vote, to see if the town would free the north end of our town beyond Moses Tylers, of their Ministers rate, and it passed in the negative.

13th. They put to vote, to see if the town would free the upper end aforesaid of their head money of said Rate, and it passed in the negative.

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14th The town put to vote, to see if they would excuse the said upper end of the town from any charge towards repairing of Boxford Meetinghouse, and it passed in the Negative.

15th They put to vote to see, if the town would set off such part of our town as lays above the following line, viz. from a White Oak-tree standing in Andover line, between Deer-meadow and rock brook-meadow, thence northeasterly to the upper end of Long pond, then on a straight line to a White Oak tree in Rowley line, called Rogers' tree, and it passed in the Negative.

16th Voted to mill the private way that was formerly laid out from Thomas Andrews' Barn to Nathan Kirby's land over said Andrews' land.

It was also put to the vote, to see if the town would confirm the private way from Thomas Andrews' Barn, betwixt said Andrews' land and Samuel Smith's land to Nathan Kirby's land, which way was laid out by

the Selectmen of Boxford in March 1730.
and passed in the affirmative.

It was likewise put to vote, to see if the town would have a Pound in the town and passed in the affirmative.

The town also chose John Stiles Jun.r and Samuel Goodridge to build said Pound also, voted to have said Pound set near Samuel Foster's Barn.

Boxford March 17th. 1729/30.

Inasmuch as there was formerly a private way laid out from Thomas Andrews' Barn in Boxford, over part of his land near his said Barn south-easterly to Nathan Bixby's land near a great Rock that is betwixt said Andrews' and Bixby's land— it proving a great damage to said Andrews— we the Subscribers have removed or turned the said Way as followeth, beginning at, or near the said Andrews' Barn, thence to turn up the hill as the old path, now leads southwesterly betwixt Samuel Smith's land and the said

Andrews'

Andrews' land till it comes to a stake with stones about it which is the corner bound betwixt the said Andrews, Smith and Bixby: thence turning southwardly on the westerly side of said Bound upon the said Andrews' land at the corner, so on to the path that leads along betwixt a pond hole and a hill, and so on till it meets with a private way laid out by Topsfield Selectmen in said Bixby's field. The said Way is to lay two rods wide in every part of it. -

Joseph Hale,
Thomas Perley,
Joseph Symmonds.
} The Selectmen of said Town.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford May 14th, 1730.

1st The town chose Lieut. Jacob Perley Moderator for said Meeting

2nd The town chose Capt. Joseph Hale to serve as Representative at the great and General Court for that year.

3d They chose Lieut. Jacob Perley to serve on the

1 The Grandjury at the Superior Court at Ipswich on
the 10th of May current.

4th They chose Richard Pickody and Thomas Redington to serve on the Jury of Trials at said Court.

5th The town chose and impowered Lieut. Thomas Perley, and Capt. Thomas Perley and John Andrews to settle the line between Topsfield and Boxford, from the apple-tree in Capt. Perley's field and so throughout all the bounds according to the resolve of the General Court, till it comes to John Andrews' down near Thomas Gould's house, and from said Down on a straight line to the Fishing brook, and there to perfix bounds in the place where our said Committee shall agree with a Committee of Topsfield for that purpose.

We, whose names are under written, being a Committee chosen and impowered by the towns of Topsfield and Boxford respectively, to settle the bounds between Topsfield and Boxford according to the last Resolve of the General Court January 07

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have accordingly settled the line between said Topsfield and Boxford from the Apple-tree in Capt. Perley's field to a stake and heap of stones at the southeasterly corner of Mr. Baker's farm now in Boxford, and from thence to a Dam, called Andrews' dam near Mr. Thomas Gould's House; and from thence being the place where the water now runs under said Dam; thence southerly to a stake and heap of stones by the Fishing-Brook on the easterly side of the river-let running into said Brook; and then as the said Brook runs into the River, called Ipswich River; then up said River to Middleton line.

Dated Topsfield June 17th 1731.

John Howey,
Thomas Perley,
Thomas Gould,
Thomas Perley Jur.
John Curtice,
John Andrews.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford the 26th day of November 1731.

1st The town chose Lieut. Jacob Perley Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Deacon Nathan Peabody, Nathaniel Symonds and Thomas Redington

to meet with a Committee of Middleton, and empowered them to settle the line between said Middleton and Boxford according to the Act of the General Court, and to make monuments between the two outside bounds according to the said Committees discretion— and if the Committees of the said two towns agree thereto, to employ a Surveyor in said Service upon the towns cost and charge.

3d Voted to allow Lieut. Jacob Perley eleven Shillings, six whereof for money he paid when Town Treasurer, more than he received of the Constables, and the other five for going to Newbury Court about business concerning Thomas Gallop; also, voted to allow Lieut. Thomas Perley for writing a deed, and other trouble about getting said Deed signed and for taking out a copy of the General Courts resolve, and for time spent in settling the line with Topsfield thirteen shillings.

4th Voted, that the Selectmen should make a rate of forty pounds to defray the Town charges for the year ensuing.

5th The Town chose Richard Kimball to build such a Pound as Topsfield has, and to get it finished by the tenth of April next, and to have it set where it was voted it should be on March the 5th 1739/31. Boxford

Boxford December 10th 1731.

We the Subscribers, being Committees appoin-
ted to settle the line between Boxford and
Middleton, and in compliance with said Service,
we the Subscribers met on the ninth and
tenth days of December 1731. and agreed
upon a maple with rocks about it near Ipo-
wich River, at the lower end of a meadow
called Fort-meadow for one bound according
to the Act of the General Court - then running
northwesterly to a black oak marked with stones
about it, so on to a black oak marked with stones
about it - then to another black oak - then to a
white oak - then to a black oak - then to a heap
of rocks - then to a white oak - then to a black
oak stump which was a known rangeing
bound between Andover and Boxford accord-
ing to the said Act of the General Court -
all which aforesaid bounds we mutually
agreed on and acknowledged as partition
bounds between said two towns.

Witness our hands.

Nathaniel Peabody,
Samuel Symmes,
Joseph Knight,
Nathaniel Symmes,
Thomas Redington,
Francis Peabody.

At a Legal town-meeting held in Boxford January 20th, 1731/2.

1st The town chose Doctor David Wood Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Cornet Stephen Peabody and Thomas Redington to supply Robert Willis and his Wife with necessaries for their comfortable subsistance till our annual town meeting in March next, upon the towns cost and charge, and likewise to do their endeavor to secure what estate they have from embezlement till said Town-meeting.

3d Voted to abbate Nathan Towne all his rates which are unpaid in Constable John Andrews' list.

At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford March 14th, 1731/2.

1st The town chose Stephen Peabody Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Joseph Hale Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

3d The town chose Joseph Barnes and Thomas Redington Constables for the year ensuing.

4th The town chose Lieut. Jacob Perley, Robert Andrews, Joseph Hale Junr Lebediah Foster and John Bixby Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

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5th The town chose Capt. Thomas Perley, George Carleton and Timothy Dorman Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing.

6th The town chose Deacon Timothy Foster and John Kimball Sythingreen for the year ensuing.

7th Jonathan Peabody and John Dorman were chose Fence viewers for the year ensuing.

8th Thomas Andrews, Samuel Gould, John Wester and Joseph Stickney are chosen Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

John Derby chosen Sealer of Leather for the year ensuing.

John Dorman is chose Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.

The town chose Lieut. Jeremiah Perley Treasurer for said Town for the year ensuing.

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would allow the Trustees of the town part of the fifty thousand pounds loan, to wit. Capt. Thomas Perley, Lieut. Thomas Perley and Joseph Hale fifteen pounds for their service in

in manmageing that affair and it passed in the Affirmative.

It was also put to the vote, to see if the town would choose Overseers of the poor, and it passed in the Negative.

At a legal town-meeting held in Boxford May 22d. 1732.

1st The town chose Stephen Peabody Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Joseph Hale to represent them in the great and General Court, to be convened, held and kept at the townhouse in Boston on the last Wednesday in May current.

3d The town voted to allow Thomas Rodington four pounds six shillings and nine pence for his supplying of Robert Willis with provision and other necessaries for some time past and till the 22nd May current.

4th The town voted to allow Thomas Rodington nine shillings— Deacon Nathan Peabody and Nathaniel Symmonds, seven shillings each, for assisting in setting the line between Boxford and Middleton.

5th The town voted to allow Capt. Thomas Perley and Corporal John Andrews, three shillings each, for assisting in setting the line between Topsfield and Boxford.

6th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would repair the Meetinghouse, and it passed in the affirmative.

7th. The town chose Mr. John Symmonds to repair our Meetinghouse upon the towns cost and charge.

8th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would clapboard the two ends and forside of the Meetinghouse and take down the terret, and close the place where it stood, and make new Casements where they are needed, and repair the glass, and it passed in the affirmative.

9th. The town chose John Wood, John Kimball and Timothy Dorman to seat our Meetinghouse.

10th. The town voted to allow Samuel Foster Jur. eight pounds ten shillings for building and finishing of a Pound.

The town chose Samuel Foster Jur. Pound-keeper for the year ensuing.

Deacon Timothy Foster was chose Overseer of the poor.

At a legal town meeting, held in Sanford November 26th. 1732.

1st The town chose Lieut Jacob Perley Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd It was put to the vote, to see if the town would allow Ephraim Stiles one pound five shillings and nine pence for mending the Meetinghouse glass windows and it passed in the Affirmative.

3d It was put to the vote, to see if the town would abate Ephraim Smith one pound three shillings and seven pence, that his son Daniel's head was rated at- the last being finished after his death, and it passed in the Affirmative.

4th The town voted to direct the Assessors to make a town rate of forty pounds to defray town charges for the year ensuing.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford the 13th day of March 1733.

1st The town chose John Symmonds Moderator for the day.

2nd They chose Thomas Redington Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

3d The Town chose Cornet Stephen Peabody, Nathaniel Symmonds, Lieut. Jeremiah Perley, Jonathan Foster and Samuel Gould Selectmen for the year ensuing.

4th The town chose the aboveniid Selectmen Assessors for the year ensuing.

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5th The town chose Jonathan Peabody and Francis Wosler Constables for the year ensuing.

6th The town chose Daniel Wood, John Kimball, John Wood, Jonathan Bixby and John Gould Surveyors of Ways for the year ensuing.

7th The town chose Jonathan Kimball and Joseph Symonds Tythingmen for the year ensuing.

8th The town chose Anthony Atwood and John Bruzwell Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

9th The town chose John Bixby Sealer of Leather for the year ensuing.

10th The town chose John Dorman Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.

11th The town chose Ezekiel Jewett, Matthew Bulman, Oliver Andrews and Jeremiah Fowler Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

12th The town chose Lieut. Jeremiah Perley Town-Treasurer for the year ensuing.

13th The town chose John Kimball to serve on the Grandjury for the year ensuing- and Nathan Evans and John Andrews jun.r to serve on the Jury of Trials at the inferior Court

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at Ipswich on the last Tuesday of March instant.

14th Allowed Capt. Thomas Perley twenty shillings, and Lieut. Thomas Perley eight shillings, for getting a deed executed, that was given for the land which Mr. John Rogers improves. Also, allowed Lieut Jacob Perley four shillings, for taking care of Robert Willis – and allowed Joseph Symmonds, John Wood, James Curtis and John Bixby, four shillings to each, of them for service done at Salem to prevent Thomas Gallop coming to above charge.

15th Voted to pay the Representative six shillings per day out of the Town Treasury according to the former Act of the General Court.

16th It was put to vote, whether the town would free those inhabitants, who live above the widow Ruth Tyler's, from their Ministerial charge, either in part or in whole – and it passed in the Negative.

17th The town chose Jacob Smith, John Andrews and Thomas Andrews a Committee to reckon with our former Trustees, which let out our Towns part of the fifty thousand pounds – loan money.

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At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford on the 9th of May 1733.

1st The town chose Capt. Joseph Hale Moderator

2nd The town chose Stephen Peabody to serve on the Grandjury on the third Tuesday of this instant May at the Superior Court at Ipswich.

3d The town chose Job Tyler and Joseph Symonds to serve on the Jury of Trials at said Court.

4th The town chose Ezekiel Jewett to serve as Constable in the room of Francis Foster, who refused to serve, and paid his five pounds

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At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford November the 27th, 1733.

1st It was put to vote, to see if the town allow the account, or reckoning of Jacob Smith, John Andrews and Thomas Andrews, with Capt. Thomas Perley, Capt. Joseph Hale and Lieut. Thomas Perley, former Trustees, concerning their letting the towns Loan money and it passed in the affirmative.

2nd Voted to allow Samuel Goodridge thirty shillings for taking care of the Meetinghouse.

Voted

3d Voted to allow Jacob Smith, John Andrews and Thomas Andrews, nineteen shillings for their trouble in reckoning with the abovesaid Trustees.

4th Voted, that the Assessors shall lay a rate of fifty pounds to defray our town charges for the year ensuing.

5th Put to vote, to see if the town would allow twenty pounds to the Inhabitants living at the upper end of our town, toward maintaining a Minister the ensuing winter- and it passed in the Negative.

6th Voted to allow John Wood four shillings, for returning Warrants of persons being warned out of town.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford January 20th, 1733/4.

1st The town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd It was put to vote, whether the town would build a new Meetinghouse as near our old meetinghouse as may be, and it passed in the Negative.

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3d. It was put to vote, to see if the town would build a new meetinghouse at the upper end of our towne - and it passed in the Negative.

4th. It was put to vote, to see if the town would free those inhabitants, who live at the upper end of our towne, viz. those, who live above Francis Foster and Jonathan Kimball, from their ministerial charge, and it passed in the Negative.

5th. It was put to vote, to see if the town would repair our Meetinghouse - and it passed in the Negative.

The town also, voted to free Joseph Curtice from paying his rates for the year 1732.

Received of Jeremiah Perley Treasurer of Boxford the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds, Province bills on the account of my Salary for the year 1732/3. I say by me received John Rogers.

Boxford December 12th 1733.

Received of Mr. Nathan Peabody Treasurer of Boxford, the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds- Province bills of credit for my Salary for the year 1732- I say received by me

John Rogers.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford, March the 12th, 1733/4

1st The town chose Stephen Peabody Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Joseph Hale Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

3d The town chose John Symonds, Joseph Hale, Jnr. Thomas Redington, Timothy Stiles and Zebediah Foster Selectmen and Assessors for the year ensuing.

The town chose Samuel Spofford and John Stiles Constables for the year ensuing.

4th The town chose Nathan Curtis, Job Tyler, Jacob Perley Jnr. John Gould and Gideon Bixby Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing.

5th Robert Andrews and Ephraim Kimball are chose Tythingmen for the year ensuing.

6th Jonathan Bixby and John Burwell are chosen Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

John

7th John Kimby is chose Sealer of Leather for the year ensuing.

8th John Dorman was chose Sealer of Weights and measures for the year ensuing.

9th John Chapman, Thomas Andrews, Thornton Peabody and Jeremiah Emmes are chosen Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

10th Lieutenant Jeremiah Perley is chose Treasurer for the said Town for the year ensuing.

11th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would set off the north and northwesterly part of our town, as set forth in a petition laid before the Town at the last town-meeting, and it passed in the Negative.

12th The town made choice of Mr. Joh. Tyler to attend at Ipswich Court to endeavour to prevent a way being laid out from Andover Road through Ebenezer Tyler's land to Rowley line.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford December 10th 1753.

1st The town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley Moderator for said Meeting. 74.

2nd It was put to the vote, to see if the town would raise sixty pounds for to defrey town charges, and it passed in the affirmative.

3d It was put to the vote, to see if the town would make an addition to Mr. Rogers' Salary, and it passed in the Negative.

4th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would maintain two Ministers at the cost of the whole town, and it passed in the Negative.

5th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would free the Inhabitants of the north part of the town, so far as they shall be most convenient for the new meetinghouse which they have built, from any ministerial charge to the south part of the town, that so they may provide for themselves- and it passed in the Negative.

6th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would be willing that the ministry, which is maintained by the whole town, shall be carried on, for the time to come in both Meetinghouses, by turns, according to the proportion of charge they have, and shall pay in each part of the town, and it passed in the Negative.

Received.

Received of Jeremiah Perley Treasurer for Boxford, the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds for my Salary for the year 1734.
I say received by me John Rogers.
Boxford January 1st 1734.

At a legal Town meeting, held in Boxford March 11th, 1734/5

1st The Town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The Town chose Joseph Hale Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

3d The Town chose Joseph Hale, Sergeant Jacob Smith, Jonathan Foster, Timothy Giles and Moses Perley Selectmen for the year ensuing.

4th The Town also chose the above said Selectmen to be Assessors for the year ensuing.

5th The Town chose John Gould and Jonathan Kimball Constables for the year ensuing.

6th The Town chose Benjamin Foster, Thomas Peabody, Jeremiah Foster, Robert Andrews, Lieut. Thomas Perley and Samuel Gould Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing.

Sergeant.

7th Sargeant Jacob Smith and John Wood are chose Tythingmen for the year ensuing.

8th Samuel Goodridge and Capt. Anthony Atwood were chose Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

9th Ebenezer Curtice was chose Sealer of Leather for the year ensuing.

10th Joseph Stickney and Samuel Stanley were chose Hogreeves.

11th John Dorman was chose Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.

12th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would pass a confirmation on the private way laid out by the Selectmen from the County Road, beginning between Mr. John Thornbill's house and Jonathan Foster's house across to the Country road by Samuel Spofford's House, and it passed in the Affirmative.

The said Private way is bounded as follows, beginning by the Road which leads from Andover to Ipswich, between the Houses of Mr. John Thornbill and Jonathan Foster, at the east side of a white oak tree, thence northerly, to lay two rods wide between said Thornbill's and Fosters land in the line between them till it

comes to a great rock in said Line, going to the east of said Rock and so on between two white oaks marked, and so on between land of Nathan Kimball and Jonathan Foster and Zebediah Foster to two more white oak trees marked- and so across said Fosters land and Richard Tyler's and Samuel Tylers land and across Samuel Shofford's land to the Country road by Samuel Shofford's House.

We have laid the said Way two rods wide through the said Lands as aforesaid- the said Private way was laid out by

John Symonds,
Timothy Stiles,
Zebediah Foster.

} the Selectmen of Boxford

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13th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would set off the Inhabitants of the north part of the town, or free them from their ministerial charges that they may be a parish by themselves as far as the bounds following, viz: from a pine tree standing in the Indover line, then northwardly to the lower end of Long-pond then by the pond to the upper end of the Pond, and

and then between land of Doctor Wood and Wooster's farm and land of Jonathan Kimball and Samuel Shoffore to Rogers's tree - and so bounded on Rowley, Bradford and Andover - and it passed in the Negative

14th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would choose a man to go to the General Court to make pleas in the towns behalf against John Peabody, John Hovey and George Carleton, being set to the town of Bradford, and it passed in the Negative.

Capt. Jeremiah Perley was chose Treasure for said Town for the year ensuing.

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would order Mr. John Sayrenes their Representative to petition the great and General Court for the right that Peter Prescott, a narragansett soldier might be entitled to by a Grant of the great and General Court, and it passed in the affirmative.

Lieut. Thomas Perley was chosen Surveyor of Hemp and Flaxe for the year ensuing.

Boxford Septr. 29th. 1729.

Beloved friends- If you will make my Salary as good for the future, as it was at the time of my settlement among you; or if you will add forty pounds annually to my present salary, you will do well, both for your-selves and me, and if you do so, I will, if the town desire me, acquit you from all arrearages that might be demanded on the account of the difference between money and bills, viz^a by these presents, secure the town from all legal claims that my heirs might make of said Arrearages.

I am your sincere friend and Pastor.

John Rogers.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford May 16th. 1735.

1st The town chose Joseph Hale their Representative to serve them at the great and General Court to be holden at the Court House in Boston on the last Wednesday of May current.

2nd The town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley Moderater for the present meeting.

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3d. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would make good, the deficiency that is in Mr. Rogers' salary for the time past - and it passed in the Negative.

4th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would pay Mr. Rogers one hundred and twenty pounds in lieu of the house and land which he is now in the possession of - and it passed in the Negative.

5th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would make choice of Joseph Hale to attend the General Court to object against the Courts granting the prayer of the petitioners that dwell on the northerly end of our town, and it passed in the Affirmative.

6th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would take the Parsonage farm into their own hands, that so, Mr. Rogers might have the profit of it if he should see cause - and it passed in the Negative.

7th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would allow men four shillings a day for Perambulating on the several lines of our town when appointed by the Selectmen from time to time, and it passed in the Affirmative.

At a Legal town meeting, held in Boxford December 15th, 1735.

The town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley Moderator.

1st. It was put to the vote, to see if the Town will allow the Selectmen six shillings a day for taking a survey of the towns estate, in order to a new valuation, and it passed in the Affirmative.

2nd. It was put to vote, to see if the town would allow Jonathan Foster eight shillings for drawing the lists for a new valuation, and it passed in the affirmative.

3d. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would allow John Symonds fifteen shillings for service done at the General Court. and it passed in the affirmative.

4th. It was put to the vote, to see how big the town rate should be this year, and the town voted thirty pounds.

Jonathan Foster was chose Clerk for said Meeting.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford March 9th, 1736.

1st The town chose Samuel Foster Moderator for said Meeting

2nd The town chose John Symonds, Esqr. to take

Survey

Hovey, Jonathan Foster, Capt. Stephen Peabody and John Hillam Selectmen for the year ensuing. The town also chose the abovesaid Selectmen Assessors for the year ensuing.

3d. The town chose Joseph Hale Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

4th. Thomas Andrews and Matthew Burnam were chose Constables for the year ensuing.

5th. John Andrews Junr., John Kimball, Aaron Kimball, Capt. Jeremiah Perley, Thomas Killam and Caleb Brown are chosen Surveyors of High ways for the year ensuing.

6th. Joseph Hale junr. and John Foster are chose Sythingmen.

7th. Jonathan Stickney and Nathaniel Burnam junr. are chosen Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

8th. Ebenezer Curtice chose Sealer of Leather, and John Dorman chose Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.

9th. Abner Hale, Joshua Andrews and Samuel Tyler chose Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

10th. Jacob Smith is chose Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

11th. Lieut. Thomas Perley was chose Surveyer of Hemp and flax for the year ensuing.

12th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would empower Joseph Hale, their Representative, to petition the great and General Court, to order the laying out a grant of land in Peter Prescotts right, who was a narragansett soldier, made to the town of Thorford where it may be most convenient for them and it passed in the affirmative.

13th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town do insist upon taking an acquittance from Mr. Rogers, of all arrearages that may be demanded on the account of the difference between money and bills of credit agreeable to the tenore of a letter sent by Mr. Rogers to the town, bearing date September 29th. 1729. and to choose a Committee to take such acquittance in behalf of the town, as is therein promised by Mr. Rogers — the sd Committee to be empowered by the town, to make up and balance accounts with Mr. Rogers, relating to the aforesaid forty pounds in the towns behalf, and what money appears to be justly due to Mr. Rogers, before the town was divided into two parishes — to be paid him out of the town-

treasury

Treasury - and it passed in the affirmative.

The town chose Samuel Foster, Joseph Hale and Jonathan Foster a Committee, and have empowered them to take an acquittance of Mr. Rogers, and to make up and balance accounts with him agreeable to the prevailing vote of the town.

Know all Men by these Presents, that I John Rogers of Boxford in the County of Essex and in Newengland Clerk, have remissed, released and forever quitclaimed, and by these Presents do, for me, my heirs, executors and administrators, and every of us, clearly and absolutely remise, release, and forever quitclaim unto the town of Boxford all, and all manner of arrearages that may in anywise be due to me of my yearly salary since I settled in the work of the ministry in Boxford or the account of the difference between money and bills of credit until October 21st, 1729. at which time the town made an addition to my Salary of forty pounds yearly, in witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twelfth day of May.

May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty sive.

Signed, sealed and delivered,
in presence of
Jonathan Foster,
Nathaniel Rogers.

John Rogers (L.S.)

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford May 14th 1736.
The town chose John Symonds to represent them at the great and General Court to be holden at Boston May 26th, 1736.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford November 23, 1736.

1st The town chose Capt. Stephen Peabody Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Jacob Smith Clerk, for said day.

3d. It was put to the vote, how big the town rate shall be this year, and the town voted forty pounds.

4th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would pay Mr. Rogers the six and twenty pounds for the depreciation of the forty pounds, and it passed in the affirmative.

Received of Capt. Jeremiah Perley Treasurer of Boxford the sum of one hundred and twenty pounds for my Salary for the year 1734/5. I say, received by me — John Rogers.

Boxford December 20th, 1735:

Received of Capt. Jeremiah Perley Town treasurer of Boxford the sum of twenty six pounds, bills of credit — which sum the town voted to make good the forty pounds granted by the town to me in the year 17[illegible]9. I say, received by me

John Rogers.

Boxford March 2nd, 1736/7.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford March the 8th, 1736/7.

1st The town chose Timothy Stiles Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Joseph Symonds, John Kimball, Esqr. Joseph Hale, Thomas Peabody and Jeremiah Foster Selectmen for the year ensuing; also, the town chose the abovenamed Selectmen, Assessors for the year ensuing.

3d The town chose Joseph Symonds Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

4th The town chose Jonathan Foster and John Bixby Constables for the year ensuing.

5th The town chose Samuel Pickard, Benjamin Porter, David Wood, Jonathan Peabody, Amos

Perley

Perley and Ebenezer Curtice Surveyors of High-
ways for the year ensuing.

6th The town chose Samuel Gould Capt. Jeremiah
Perley, Capt. John Tyler and Caleb Brown
Tythingmen for the year ensuing.

7th The town chose Gideon Bixby and Samuel
Goodridge, Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

8th The town chose John Bixby Sealer of Leather for
the year ensuing.

9th The town chose John Dorman Sealer of Weights
and Measures for the year ensuing.

10th The town chose Joseph Hickney, John Peabody 2d
Daniel Wood, Stephen Runnels Hogreeves for
the year ensuing.

11th The town chose Lieut. Thomas Perley Surveyor
of Hemp and Flax for the year ensuing.

At a legal Town meeting, held in Boxford May
the 9th 1737.

1st The town chose Samuel Fuller Moderator for
said Meeting.

2nd The town chose John Symonds to represent
them at the Great and General Court to be
holden at Boston the 25th of this instant.

3d It was put to the vote, to see if the town
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would give leave for the Selectmen to draw out of the Treasury, the sum of six pounds sixteen shillings and eight pence to pay the County rate, and it passed in the Affirmative.

4th. The town voted to pay Mr. John Rogers five pounds for keeping School one month in the year past.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford September the 21st, 1737. for the choice of Jurymen to serve on the jury of Trials at Newbury Court, and there were chose, by drawing proxies out of the box, Matthew Bultman and Amos Perley.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford January the 2nd 1737/8.

1st The town chose Capt. Jeremiah Perley Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town voted John Symonds and Joseph Symonds, four shillings each, for renewing bounds between Topsfield and Boxford.

3d. The town voted to allow Capt. Jeremiah Perley four pounds for serving as Treasurer four years viz 1732, '33, '34 and '35.

4th The town ~~voted~~ allowed Ens. Joseph Hale four shillings for his entering persons at Court, who were warned out of town.

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5th The town voted Capt. Stephen Peabody five shillings for entering persons at Court, who were warned out of town.

6th It was put to vote, to see how big the town rate shall be this year and the town voted forty pounds.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford January 27th 1733/4.

1st The town chose Quartermaster John Andrews Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd It was put to the vote, to see if the town would choose a man or men to answer the presentment at Salem Court, for want of a Schoolmaster, and it passed in the affirmative.

3d The town chose Joseph Symonds and Thomas Peabody to go to said Court in the towns behalf.

4th The town voted, that the Selectmen should provide a Schoolmaster for the town a quarter of the year ensuing.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford March 11th 1733/4.

1st The town chose Mr. Samuel Foster Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Joseph Symonds, Thomas Peabody, Robert Andrews, Benjamin Porter and

and Gideon Bixby Selectmen for the year ensuing- the Town chose the above said Selectmen Assessors for the year ensuing.

3d The Town chose Joseph Aymand Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

4th The Town chose Jonathan Bixby and Amos Perley Constables for the year ensuing.

5th The Town chose Thomas Pickard, Daniel Wood, John Kimball, John Wood and James Curtice Surveyors of ways for the year ensuing.

6th The Town chose John Dorman, Jacob Perley, Emr. Luke Hovey and Jonathan Cole Tithing men for the year ensuing.

7th The Town chose Thomas Perley Jur. and Ezekiel Jewett Fence viewers for the year ensuing.

8th The Town chose Aaron Kimball Sealer of leather for the year ensuing.

9th The Town chose John Dorman Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.

10th The Town chose John Peabody Jur. Oliver Andrews, Luke Hovey Jur. David Wood Junior and Francis Perley Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

11th The Town chose Jacob Smith Town treasurer for the year ensuing.

12th It was put to vote, to see if the Town would pass a vote to draw money out of the Town Treasury from time to time, to pay the County rate — and it passed in the Affirmative.

13th It was put to vote, to see if the town would grant the petition of James Curtice and others to be laid to Topsfield and it passed in the Negative.

14th The town chose Deacon Timothy Foster Grand-jurymen and Thomas Andrews and Joseph Stickney were chosen, by drawing proxies out of the box, to serve on the Jury of Trials at Ipswich Court.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford, for the choice of jurymen on May 5th, 1730.

The town chose Samuel Foster to serve on the Grandjury, and John Bixby was drawn out of the box for to serve on the Jury of Trials.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford May 22nd, 1730.

1st The town chose Mr. Samuel Foster, Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose John Symmonds to represent the

the town at the great and General Court.

3d. The town voted to hire a Schoolmaster for the town from the first day of September next ensuing, to the last day of April following.

4th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would mend the Highways by a rate, and it passed in the Negative.

5th. The town voted to build a Pound in the second Parish upon the Towns cost.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford September the 15th, 1730. for the choice of Jurymen to serve on the Jury of Trials at Newbury Court — and Deacon Thomas Redington and Jonathan Foster were the men drawn for that service.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford December 5th, 1730.

1st. The town chose Mr. John Wood Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd It was put to vote, to see how big the town rate should be this year and the town voted fifty pounds.

3d. The town voted Amos Perley one shilling for returning a warrant into the quarter Sessions, of persons warned out of the town

4th. The town voted Thomas Peabody four shillings

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for returning of Warrants into the quarter Sessions of persons warned out of town.

5th The Town voted Joseph Symonds and Thomas Peabody, seven shillings to each of them for answering the presentment at Salem Court for want of a Schoolmaster.

6th The town voted to Omit that article in the Warrant, the petition of the second Parish concerning the Parsonage land till the Town come unto some better regulations.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford March 13th 1730/1.

1st The Town chose Mr. Samuel Foster Moderator for said Meeting

2nd The Town chose Robert Andrews, Benjamin Porter, Quartermaster John Andrews, Thomas Peabody and John Dorman Selectmen for the year ensuing.

3d The Town chose the aboveesaid Selectmen Assessors for the year ensuing.

4th The town chose Joseph Symonds Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

5th The town chose Ephraim Thimball and Ambrose Hale Constables for the year ensuing.

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6th. The town chose Quartermaster John Andrews, Lieut. Nathaniel Perkins, Nathan Peabody, Benjamin Porter Daniel Wood and Ensign Joseph Hale Surveyors of highways for the year ensuing.

7th. The town chose John Chadwick, Nathan Kimball, Capt. Jeremiah Perley and Aaron Kimball Pathingmen for the year ensuing.

8th. The town chose John Peabody Jun. and John Burswell Fence viewers for the year ensuing.

9th. The town chose Francis Perley, Job Tyler, Richard Pearle, Samuel Fiske and Thomas Perley Hog reeves for the year ensuing.

10th. The town chose Joseph Stickney Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.

11th. The town chose Jacob Smith Town treasurer for the year ensuing.

12th. The town chose Aaron Kimball Sealer of leather for the year ensuing.

13th. The town chose Doctor John Wooster to serve on the Grand Jury for the year ensuing - and George Carleton and John Derrown to serve on the Jury of Trials at March Court to be holden at Ipswich.

14th. It was put to vote, to see whether the Town would

approbate

approbate the ways that the Selectmen laid out for Mr. Nathan Eames and others, petitioners in that part of the town, and it passed in the Negative.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford April 28th, 1739.

1st The Town chose Capt. Jeremiah Perley Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Mr. Robert Andrews to answer the presentment at Ipswich Court for want of a Schoolmaster.

3d The town chose Capt. Jeremiah Perley and Lieutenant John Andrews to perambulate and renew the bounds between Topsfield and Boxford.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford April 27th, 1739. for the choice of Jurymen, and the town chose Joseph Symmonds to serve on the Grandjury at Ipswich Superior Court to be holden on the second Tuesday of May next and chose Stephen Symmels to serve on the Jury of Trials at the said Court.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford, May 14th, 1739.

1st. The town chose Quartermaster John Andrews Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would build two school-houses in the town, one in each parish, and it passed in the Negative.

3d. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would divide into five parts, and each part to provide schoolhouses for themselves, and it passed in the Affirmative.

4th. It was put to the vote, to see if the town would provide a Grammer Schoolmaster for the year ensuing, and it passed in the Affirmative.

At a legal town-meeting, held at Boxford, September 12th, 1739.

1st. The town chose Mr. Benjamin Porter Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town voted to give Mr. Robert Andrews ten shillings for time and money expended in answering the presentment at Ipswich Court for want of a Schoolmaster.

3d. The town voted to give Mr. Amos Perley

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three shillings for money expended in returning of warrants of persons that were warned out of towne.

4th The town voted eighty pounds for the town rate this year.

5th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would chuse a Committee of five men to divide the town into five parts, and it passed in the Negative.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford November the 26th. 1739.

1st The town chose Mr. Samuel Foster, Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Mr. John Wood Mr. Thomas Peabody to inspect the killing of Deer as the Law directs.

3d It was put to the vote, to see if the town would ad twenty pounds more to the town rate, and it passed in the Affirmative.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford March the 11th. 1739/40.

1st The town chose Mr. Benjamin Parker Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Mr. Thomas Andrews the first Selectman for the year ensuing.

3d They chose Ens.r Joseph Hale the second.

4th They chose Mr. Jonathan Sherwine for the third.

5th They chose Mr. Samuel Gould for the fourth.

6th They chose Mr. Nathan Kimball for the fifth Selectmen for the year ensuing.

The town also, chose the above said Selectmen Assessors for the year ensuing.

7th The town chose Joseph Symonds Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

8th The town chose Mr. Daniel Wood and Mr. John Andrews Jus.r Constables for the year ensuing.

9th The town chose Mr. Jacob Smith Townbreasurer for the year ensuing.

10th The town chose Mr. Aaron Kimball, Oliver Andrews, Capt. Jeremiah Perley, Lebediah Foster and Mr. Isaac Adams Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing.

11th The town chose Mr. John Hovey, Stephen Hannels, Joseph Stickney and Jonathan Bixby Tithingmen for the year ensuing.

12th They chose Mr. Aaron Kimball Sealer of Leather for the year ensuing.

13th The town chose Mr. Joseph Stickney Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing. 14.

14th The town chose John Bowtell, Joseph Curtice, Jonathan Eames and Richard Tyler Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

15th The town chose Deacon John Foster and Mr. John Wood to inspect the killing of Deer as the law directs for the year ensuing

16th The town chose Mr. Samuel Pickard and Mr. Jeremiah Foster Fenceviewers for the year ensuing.

17th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would discontinue the way that Lays over Mr. John Chadwick's land to the new Meetinghouse, and it passed in the Negative.

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would pay Mr. Chadwick for the aboveSaid Way and it passed in the Negative.

Also, the town chose Deac. John Foster Mr. John Wood and Mr. Thomas Peabody to reckon with Capt Stephen Peabody, Joseph Symonds and Mr. John Andrews, Trustees of the Loan money.

Also, the town voted to allow Capt. Jeremiah Perley six pounds one shilling and eleven pence for money which was abated to persons when he was town Treasurer. —

At a Legal town-meeting held in Boxford, May 9th, 1740.

1st The town chose Mr. Samuel Foster Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Mr. Thomas Pickard Constable for the present year.

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3.d — It was put to the vote, to see if the town would abate Martha Fisk, relict of John Fisk deceased, her rates, committed to Constable Amos Perley to gather, and it passed in the affirmative.

At a legal town meeting, held in Boxford September 26th 1740.

1.st The town chose Mr. Benjamin Porter Moderator for said Meeting.

2.nd It was put to the vote, to see if the town would free Thomas Pickard from being Constable for the year current, and it passed in the Negative.

3.d — It was put to the vote, to see if the town would hire a Schoolmaster for the year ensuing, and it passed in the affirmative.

4.th The town voted a hundred pounds for the town rate this year.

5.th The town voted to allow all the persons that boarded Mr. Paige, while he was our Schoolmaster ten shillings per week.

6.th — It was put to the vote, to see if the town would carry Ebenezer Willis and his family out of our town into Middleton, and it passed in the affirmative.

Also, the town voted to allow Ambrose Hale, four shillings, for warning Elisabeth Dwinnel out of town and returning the Warrant. — The town also voted to allow Amos Perley eight shillings for warning Jemima Boynton and Gideon Thurston and his wife out of town and returning the Warrant.

At a legal town-meeting, held in Boxford October 14th, 1740.

1.st — The town chose Mr. Benjamin Porter Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose John Dorman Constable for the year current.

3d The town chose Ensn Joseph Hale to be Overseer over Ebenezer Willis and his family for two months from the time they came into town first; also, to allow the said Hale reasonable satisfaction for his cost and trouble for the above said time.

4th It was put to the vote, to see whether the town would allow the Selectmen forty shillings for prosecuting Thomas Pickard at the Courts for not taking the Oath of a Constable, and it passed in the affirmative.

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At a legal Town meeting, held in Boxford March 10th 1740/41.

1st The town chose John Symonds Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd The town chose Mr Robert Andrews for the first Selectman for the year ensuing

3d They chose Mr Zebediah Foster for the second.

4th They chose Mr Thomas Peabody for the third.

5th They chose Mr Nathan Peabody for the fourth.

6th They chose Mr Thomas Perley Junr for the fifth Selectman for the year ensuing.

7th They chose the abovesaid Selectmen Assessors for the year ensuing.

8th The town chose Joseph Symonds Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

9th The town chose George Carleton and Joseph Curtice Constables for the year ensuing.

10th The town chose Jacob Smith Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

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11th The town chose Ebenezer Sherwin, John Kimball, Francis Perley, Amos Perley, Jonathan Peabody and Jeremiah Foster Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing.

12th The town chose Ambrose Hale, Samuel Goodridge, Richard Peabody and David Wood Junr Sythingmen for the year ensuing

13th The town chose Baron Kimball Sealer of Leather for the year ensuing.

14th The town chose Joseph Stickney Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ensuing.

15th The town chose John Peabody, Samuel Foster Junr John Hale, Asa Perley, Thomas Peabody Junr and Luke Hovey Junr Hogreeves for the year ensuing.

16th The town chose Mr John Wood and Mr Thomas Peabody to inspect the killing of Deer as the Law directs for the year ensuing.

17th The town chose Quartermaster John Andrews and Nathaniel Symonds Fence-viewers for the year ensuing.

18th The town chose Thomas Chadwick and Samuel Foster Junr Poundkeepers for the year ensuing.

19th The town chose Joseph Stickney Clerk of the market for the year ensuing.

20th The town voted to buy two books, one of the said Books to record births and deaths and marriages, and the other of the books to record town votes.

21st The town voted to allow Jacob Smith four pounds, for his service in the Office of Town Treasurer for four years past.

22.nd The town made choice of John Symonds to buy the abovesaid Books on the towns cost.

It was put to the vote, to see if the town would adjourn this present town meeting until the fourth Tuesday of this instant, at two of the clocks on said day, and it passed in the affirmative.

March 24th, 1740/41. It being a town-meeting, held by adjournment, and the town being met

1.st It was put to the vote, to see if the town would give Ens.n Joseph Hale eight pounds for his supporting Ebenezer Willis and his family for the two months which the town chose him Overseer over the said Willis, and it passed in the affirmative.

2.nd The town chose Amos Perley, John Wood and John Andrews Overseers of the poor for the year ensuing.

3.d It was put to the vote, to see if the town would release Joseph Curtice from being Constable for the year ensuing, and it passed in the affirmative.

4.th The town chose Samuel Foster, Jun.r Constable for the year ensuing.

5.th The town chose Isaac Adams, Surveyor of highways for the year ensuing.

At a Legeal town-meeting, held in Boxford May 10th, 1741.

1st The town chose Mr. Benjamin Porter, Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd It was put to the vote, to see if the town would draw sixty pounds of money out of the Town Treasurer to buy a town stock of powder and other ammunition, and it passed in the affirmative.

3d It was put to the vote, to see if the town would keep the school three months in a place at a time for ~~the~~ future, and it passed in the negative.

At a Legeal town-meeting, held in Boxford July 31, 1741.

1st The town chose Mr. Samuel Foster, Moderator for said Meeting.

2nd It was put to the vote, to see if the town would choose a man or men, to go to the Great and General Court, held at Boston, to make answer to a petition that is preferred by the town of Bradford to said Court concerning the line betwixt the town of Bradford and the town of Boxford, and it passed in the affirmative

3d The town chose Mr. Samuel Foster and Mr. Jonathan Foster to appear in the Towns behalf for that business.

At a legal town meeting, holdin the town of Boxford June 22nd, 1761.

1st Mr. John Symonds was chose Moderator for the day.

2nd Lebediah Foster was chose Town Clerk and swoor to the Office.

3d It was put to the vote, to see if the town would choose a man or men to reckone with the Trustees of the Last Loan of money, and it passed in the affirmative.

4th The town chose Mr. John Wood, Mr. Robert Andrews and Mr. John Peabody Jur. to reckon with the above said Trustees, and to proceed by Law, or some other manner as they shall agree, to get out of their hands what is due to said Town of Interest of said Loane money.

5th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would lay all the Inhabitants in our town, which live to the eastward of Mr. John Wood's and Lieut. Nathaniel Perkins to the southside Constable district, and it passed in the negative.

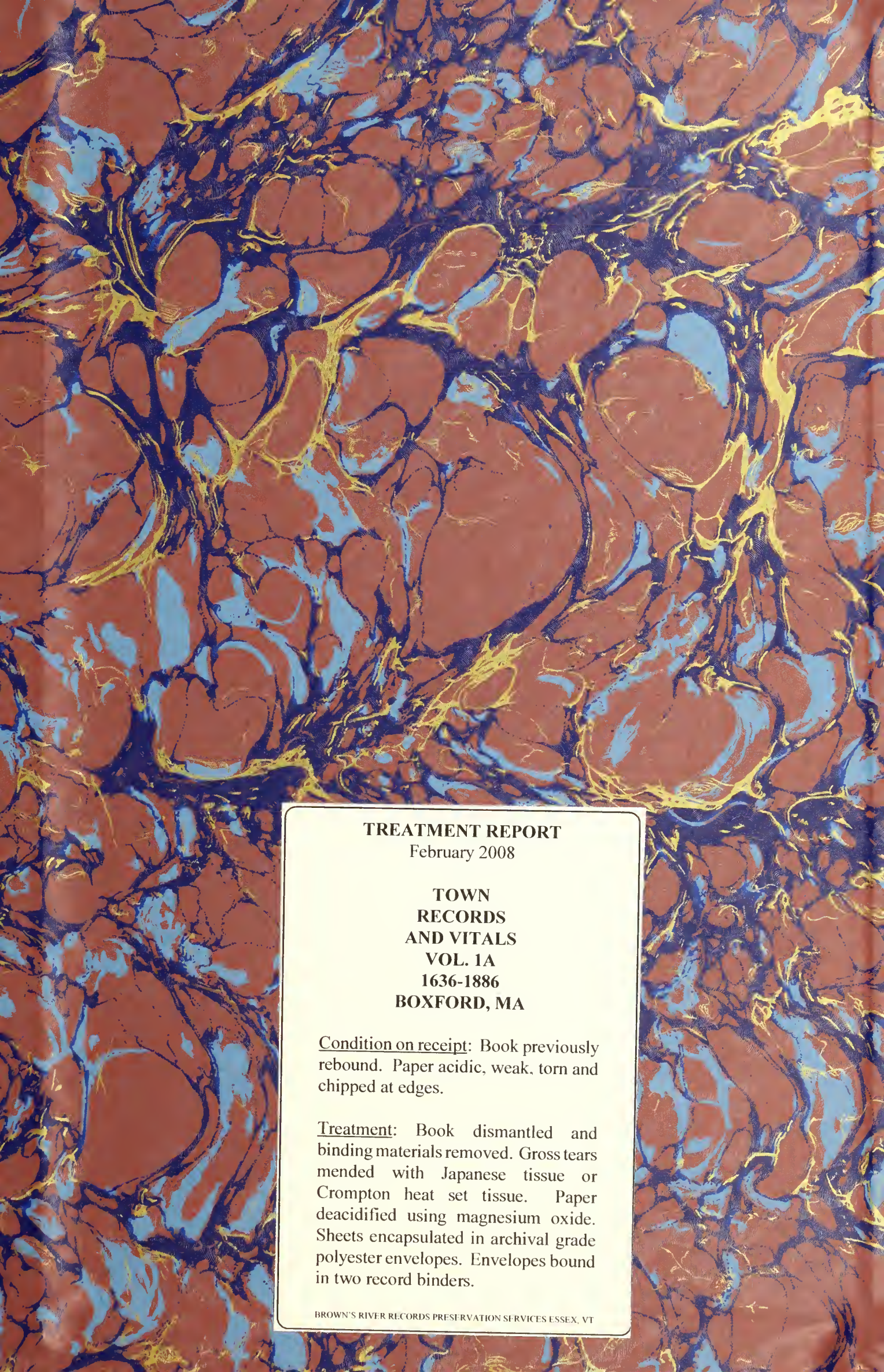
6th It was put to the vote, to see if the town would hire Mr. Thomas Hern for a Schoolmaster for the town, and it passed in the Negative.

Lebediah Foster Town Clerk for the day.

The foregoing records of Town meetings &c were copied from the First Town Record Book by Moses Dorman Esq. probably about the year 1803. the old book being then spoken of in the records, as being in a ruinous condition. And the following arrangement of births was made by John Bacon, Town Clerk. in the year 1823.

For a copy of Marriages, Intentions of marriage, and of deaths, from the First Record Book, See a small book in the office copied by Thomas P. Dorman Town Clerk. in 1872

For marriages previous to 1820, returned from other towns when either of the parties belonged to Boxford See a thin book with large ~~black~~ blue covers 46.10



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